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FOREWORD

The story of progress is the history of pioneers. In science, in literature, in invention the world is not likely to miss the landmarks on the path of progress. The great names are reserved in honor, regard and gratitude. Much that is spectacular is attached to most of the great figures of history. And surely it is due to those who have made outstanding contributions to human welfare that we should hold them in remembrance.

Pioneers in religious thought and development —Abraham, Moses, Paul; pioneers in invention and science—Edison, Marconi, Bell, Pasteur, Watt, the pioneers of our own Confederation, and many others—we hold them high, study their lives and commend them to our children as the great ones of the earth.

Can as much be said for the pioneers of the soil in this rich new Country of ours? We think we have built a great new civilization in this land, almost distinctive in the contribution it is now making and is destined still to make in the progress of the world and in the furtherance of peace on this continent and in some measure throughout the world. In no small degree the foundations of our civic and national life have been laid by the humble pioneers of the forest who made possible the growth of the country to its present status. Humble, God-fearing men and women were these, with homing instincts and habits of industry, and above all, with high courage and strong moral in-

tegrity. Many of them entered the unbroken stretches of this Province with a patriotic zeal burning in their breasts intensified by the persecution of unthinking enemies. Under the flag they loved they toiled and rejoiced, chastened by sacrifice and certainly unspoiled by luxury. These are they whose names should be remembered, real pathfinders, true pioneers.

Every community is historic. We who are the sons and grandsons of the pioneers ought not to delay in recording the names of our ancestors until the records shall have perished or been forgotten. A solemn duty is laid upon us to record in some measure the story of those who have preceded us that those who follow may at least have their names so remembered with gratitude and appreciation.

It was such a sense of duty that led Mr. H. K. Denyes to prepare this little volume giving briefly a record of those of the name who in the early history of central Ontario evidently did their part nobly and effectively in the settlement and development of that part of the Province which they had chosen as their home. The author is well qualified for the task, and though portions of the family records are not quite complete on account of the impossibility of securing full and accurate information, he has done enough to stimulate our pride in the family story of those who have left us a truly worthy heritage.

J. M. DENYES,
Milton, Ont.

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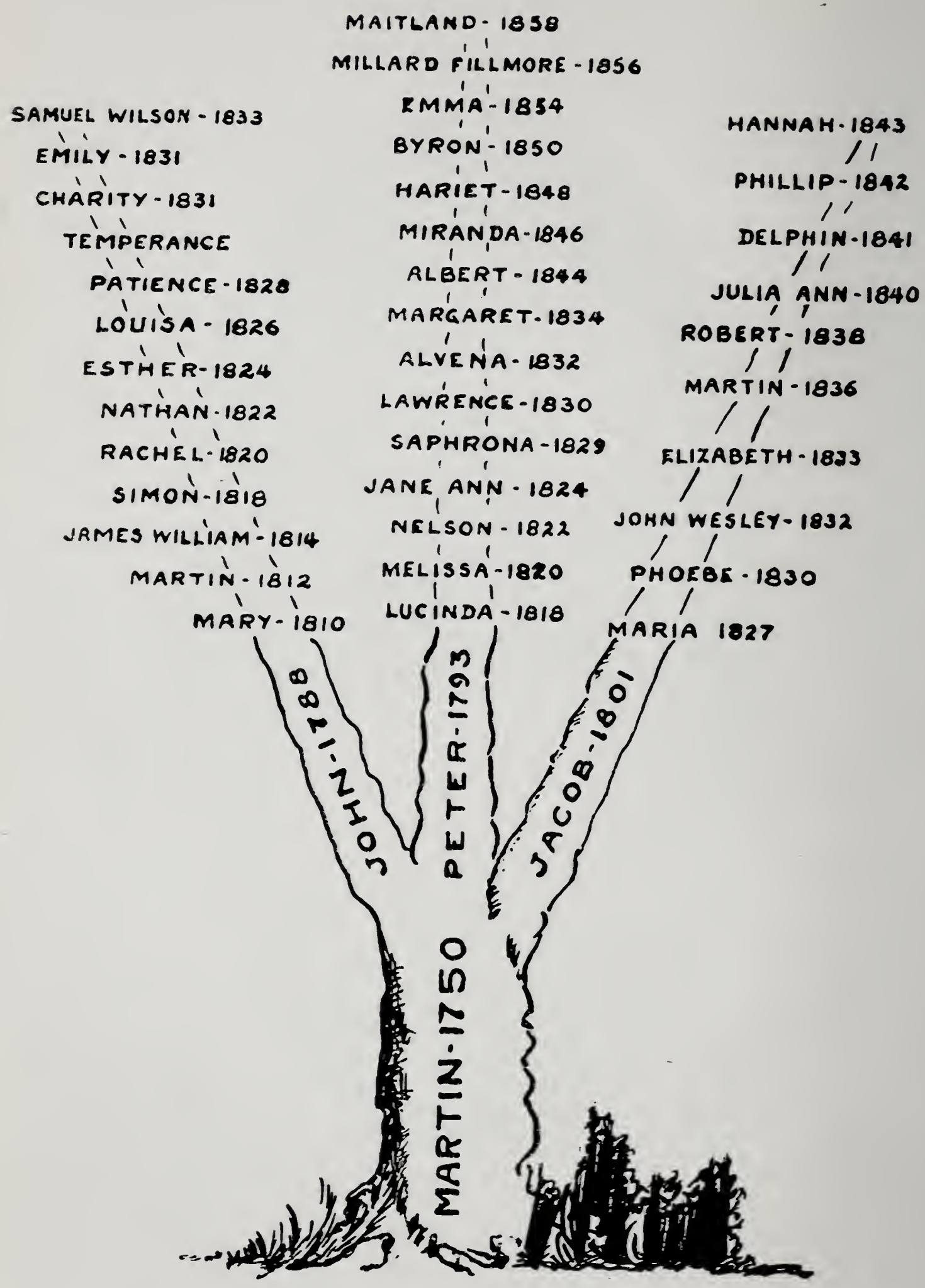
Grandson of Martin Denyes.



DENYES PIONEER TREE

DENYES HISTORY

In writing a short history of the Denyes family and their descendants it will be impossible to trace a number of them, especially of the younger generation whose parents moved to the United States years ago. We will endeavor to give their genealogies as far as our best information will warrant.

It is believed that they were descendants of a French Huguenot family who fled into Holland at the time of the great persecution of the religious reformers, and as a matter of course would become subjects of Holland.

At an early date the Dutch took possession of a large tract of land bordering on the Hudson river and lived peaceably for fifty years.

In 1664 Charles the 2nd of England granted to his brother (Duke of York) the country adjacent to the Hudson river; Four English ships anchored at New Amsterdam and demanded the surrender of the Dutch. They resisted stoutly but finally surrendered to the English and became subjects of the King of England.

New Amsterdam was re-named New York and Fort Orange was called Albany. These Dutch

settlers made a splendid contribution to that part of the country and thousands of their descendants are among the best of the American people.

At the time when the struggle came for independence many of these Dutch subjects of Britain refused to take part or assist the Colonists. After the war their property was confiscated and they suffered many hardships; hundreds of these noble souls left their old homes and the land of their birth, and came to spend years in wilderness-life on British soil.

A large company of them landed on the shores of the Bay Quinte and there they penetrated the forests and commenced their pioneer life, enduring hardships and privations. These pioneers were called United Empire Loyalists. Among them were descendants of the old Dutch colony on the Hudson river and many of them could speak the Dutch language when they landed in Canada in 1783. A number of them were Lutherans in religion and at an early date built a Lutheran Church in Fredericksburg.

Martin Denyes was a descendant of a Dutch family, who was among the great number of Dutch colonists that arrived in America at an early date, probably about 1610. He was one of the number of U. E. Loyalists that settled on the shores of Bay of Quinte, and there hewed out a

home for himself and family. His wife was Ruth Owens, a young widow with one child, Sara.

Five children were mentioned in his last will, which was made in the year 1809. We have records that show the ages of four of his children: Anna, born 1785; John, born 1788; Peter, born 1793, and Jacob, born 1801. We have no record of the date of Sara's birth.

Martin Denyes' last will, which was made one hundred and twenty years ago, was recently found by one of his descendants of the fifth generation, Shelley Denyes, of Odessa, Ont. It was found in a secret drawer in an old piece of furniture which probably had been there for one hundred years. His daughter Annie married Jacob Young, who was one of the pioneers of Hastings Co. Sara married Mr. Cowie of Kingston. We have no record of her descendants.

We will divide the family tree in three branches, John, Peter and Jacob. Anna had no children.

COPY OF WILL

In the Name of God—Amen. I Martin Denyes of the township of Fredericksburg, Yeoman—being very sick and weak—but of perfect mind and memory—thanks be given unto Almighty God for the same—calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for man once to die—and after that the Judgement, I recommend my Soul into the hand of Almighty God that gave it—and my Body I recommend to the Earth to be buried in a Christian decent burial at the discretion of my Executors—and as touching such worldly estate where with it has pleased God to bless me in this life—I devise and dispose of it in the following form and manner. I will and bequeath unto my oldest son John Fifty acres of my Farm I now live on and he is to have his choice of the Farm whether the front or rear. Also I will and bequeath unto my son Jacob fifty acres of the aforesaid farm I now live on. I will also that my son John shall pay unto my son Peter Fifty Dollars as soon as Peter shall become of age. Also I will that my son Jacob as soon as he becomes of age shall pay unto my son Peter Fifty Dollars. I will and bequeath unto my daughter Anna, one cow, four sheep, one cherry table, one red chest, one little wheel, one feather bed, two pillows, one sheet, one bed quilt and one blanket, also one heifer calf, one year old. I will

and bequeath that my wife's daughter Sara and my daughter Anna shall have my wife's wearing apparel equally divided between them. I will also that all my lawful debts be paid. I will also that the movable property be kept on the premises as long as my children agree, and if they disagree then the property to be equally divided between them, excepting the farming utensils and they are to be divided between the boys—viz. John, Peter and Jacob. I also appoint Jacob Smith, George Simmons and John Finkle, all of Fredericksburg, as Executors to execute this my last Will and Testament after my death. And I do hereby utterly revoke, disallow and disannul all former bequests wills and legacies by me heretofore in any wise made, declaring, ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last Will and Testament. In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this first day of September in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eight.

Signed Sealed published and declared by the within named Testator to be his last Will and Testament in presence of us who subscribed our names in presence of the said Testator and of each other.

Signed,

Jacob Smith
George Semon } Martin his X mark Denyes
Sheldon Hawley

EARLY DUTIES

The older sons and daughters of the three Denyes pioneers knew well the work of their fathers and mothers, and as soon as they were able, entered into their duties heroically—the sons swinging the axe in the virgin forests with a hope that some day they would see the growing grain; breaking in the steers to become oxen for the logging of the fallow; taking many a hard lift with the handspike in the logging; boiling of the lye from the leached ashes into potash to be marketed later; plowing with oxen amongst the stumps, roots and stones; harvesting with scythes, cradles and hand rakes and threshing with the flail.

The older daughters knew how to spin and weave, both wool and flax and to make the same into garments. They gathered the wild fruit in the bush to help make a dainty meal.

They say it was great to hear the echo of the woodman's axe, and the falling trees in the early morning. Mothers' or sisters' duty was to bring the five o'clock lunch near the close of the day, and later all sat around the fire-place in its blaze of light when the day was done. Father was priest of his own household and daily conducted the religious worship.

Some of us have listened with wonder and amazement at the stories of long ago.

EARLY PRIVILEGES

After the first settlers came to this part of Thurlow Tp., one of the first accommodations was a hand-mill, placed in the top of a large hollow pine stump. This was later followed by a flour mill built by Mr. J. Jamieson on the little No. 10 creek. This mill was a great benefit to a large community. A few years after, it was burned with some wheat in store.

Soon a saw mill was built on the same creek by Samuel T. Casey, also a tannery, by Peter McGunion. Flour for bread, lumber for building and leather for boots and harness, provided necessities for the settlers.

The first school house in the district was built of logs on lot 10, in the eighth concession of Thurlow. The first teacher was Martin Denyes, eldest son of John. The first church in the community was built on the same lot. The land was donated by Nathan Denyes. This church was built in 1862 by the Wesleyan Methodists. It is now the United Church of Canada.

JOHN DENYES BRANCH

John Denyes, eldest son of Martin Denyes, was born 1788. He married Eve Hazard of Fredericksburg in 1808, and settled on a farm in Lennox Co.

This couple raised a family of thirteen children who all grew to manhood and womanhood.

As John's father died comparatively young, he bore heavy responsibilities; added to this was the war of 1812 which made pioneering doubly hard. It would be difficult for the younger generation to comprehend such privations and sufferings as they endured at that time.

In 1835 he disposed of his property in Ernestown, and also of some free grant land in Allenwick Tp., moving to Thurlow Tp., Hastings Co., he settled on a forest-farm in the eighth concession, which is still owned and operated by one of his grandsons.

John and his wife evidently had a double portion of pioneer work, first in Lennox, and later in Hastings, which was rapidly being settled. Peter and Jacob, two younger brothers, had already settled some years before in the district. Eleven of John's children, some of whom were grown up, accompanied him to the new home. The other two Martin and Mary, were married and settled in Ernestown.

ONCE A PIONEER HOME

There is an incident that we think worthy of note. Shortly after the family came to Thurlow John, one morning went in search of his horses. Failing to find them near by, he later saw their tracks, showing that they had started eastward. He followed their traces and found his horses in Ernestown. The story went out (which is true) that John Denyes walked to Ernestown, a distance of thirty-five miles, in his shirt sleeves, before breakfast, returning the next day on horseback with his horses.

His wife, Eve Hazard, had two brothers who were killed in the War of 1812; another brother, Joseph Hazard, was an early pioneer in Madoc.

When John Denyes was nearly sixty years of age his health failed, and the burden of clearing the new farm fell upon his sons who were at home.

This pioneer couple served faithfully in their day and generation, and their noble Christian deeds have had an influence for good on the generations that followed. John died in 1849 and his wife, Eve, in 1853. Their remains were laid to rest in the old Garrison cemetery at Plainfield, Ont.

DAVY FAMILY

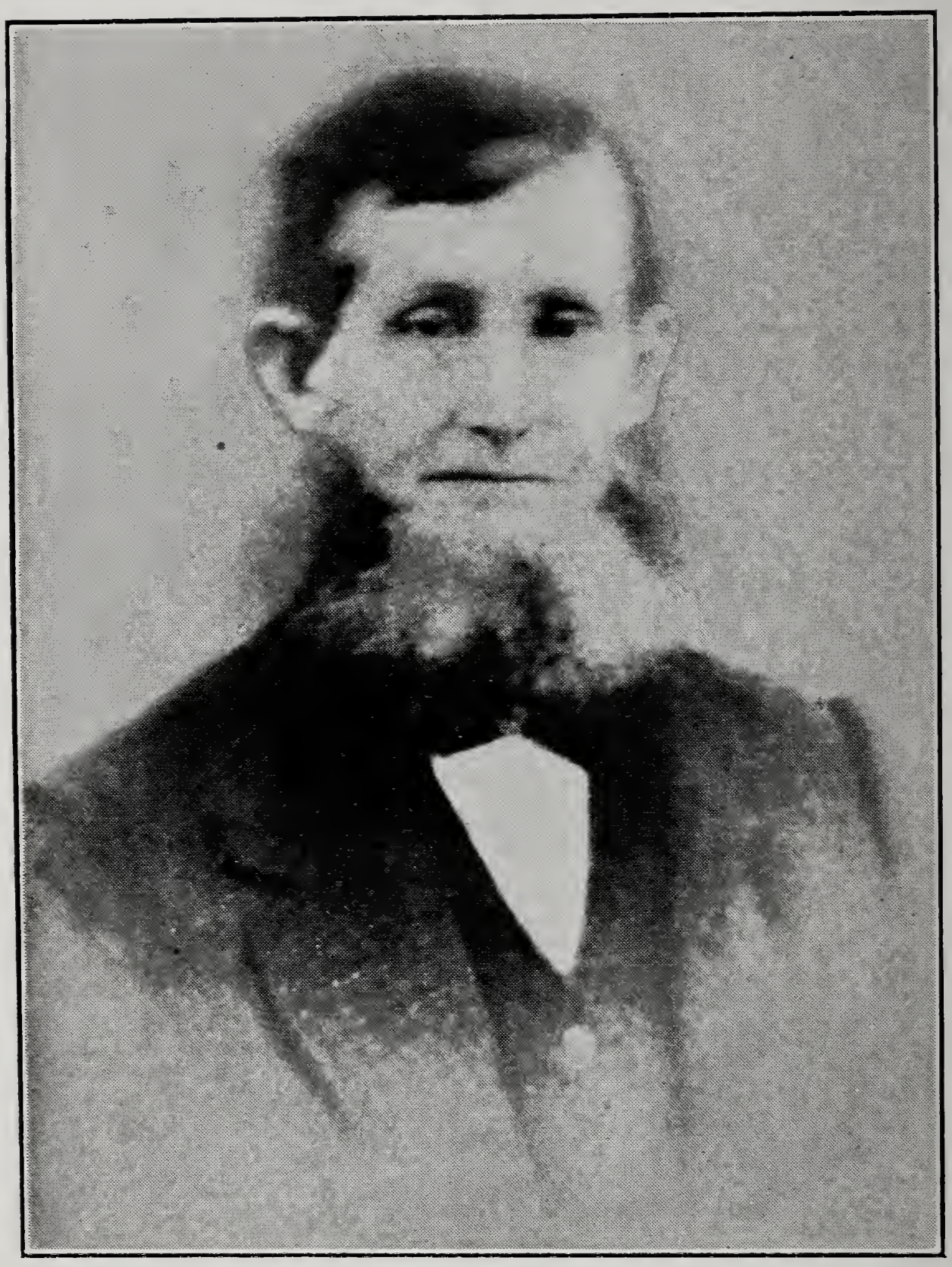
Mary Denyes, eldest child of John and Eve Denyes, born 1810 in Fredericksburg, married Thomas Davy of Odessa, Ont., who was a carpenter by trade. He built many houses and barns for the early settlers. He followed that work all his life, and died at a good old age. His wife preceded him several years.

There were five children born in the Davy home, three sons and two daughters. William was a carpenter, and lived all his life time near Odessa. Hannah died in her young womanhood. Jane married J. Montgomery of Odessa. Norman was also a carpenter. He married Susan Bristol of Thurlow Tp., and settled in Hamilton, Ont. Charles married and settled near Guelph.

Martin Denyes, Jr., son of John and Eve Denyes, was born in 1812 in the Tp. of Fredericksburg. In 1830 he went to Hastings Co., Thurlow Tp., to teach school in a log schoolhouse in the bush at the request of some of the first settlers. He worked his spare time in chopping fallow on the farm to which his father moved a little later. He afterwards learned the carpenter trade and was actively engaged for several years in building houses and barns for the settlers in Lennox and Hastings Counties. He married Catherine Sproule

MARTIN DENYES' HOMESTEAD

Now occupied by Shelley Denyes, Ernestown.



PIONEER MARTIN DENYES

Eldest Son of John.

in 1837. They had ten children that grew to manhood and womanhood. They all married and settled in life. He lived the most of his life on a farm near Odessa, Ont. He and his wife passed away after many years of pioneering and faithful service to the community in which they lived.

John Denyes, the eldest son of Martin Denyes, Jr., born 1839, married Eliza Dunbar, of Fredericksburg, and always lived in or near Odessa, Ont. He engaged in farming for several years, and later was in the employ of the Massey-Harris Co. He was a bailiff for that district. He died several years ago; his wife still survives. They have one daughter and one son.

Hattie Denyes married Stanley Maybee. They reside in Williamsport, Penn. He is a business man, also operates a farm near the city. They had three sons, Harold (deceased), Raymond W. and Clarence D.

J. Malcolm Denyes, B.A., born 1873, graduated at Queen's University. He later taught in Finch, Whitby and Newburg High Schools. He was appointed School Inspector for Halton Co. several years ago, and now resides in the town of Milton.

He married Mary Meacham, daughter of the late Dr. W. W. Meacham, M.P.P. for Lennox Co. Mrs. Denyes is a prominent worker in the W. C. T. U. in Ontario.

J. M. Denyes is an indefatigable layman worker in the Hamilton Conference of the United Church. He is a member of the General Board of Foreign Missions. He was a delegate to two General Conferences of the Methodist Church. He was a Commissioner at the first General Council of the United Church held in Toronto in 1925, also a Commissioner to the General Council in 1926 held in Montreal, and again in Winnipeg in 1928.

They have three daughters, Fleida, a graduate nurse; Flora, a teacher; Dorothy, a University student, and one son, Meacham Denyes, who paid the supreme sacrifice in the Great War in 1918. He was a Corporal in the 102nd Battalion, C.E.F.

James Denyes, second son of Martin Denyes, Jr., born 1841, married Celia Timmerman (Teacher), Odessa, Ont. He was a prosperous farmer in Lennox Co. and now is retired and lives in Odessa. His wife died several years ago, and he is married the second time to Mrs. Ovens. He had five children by his first marriage.

Frank Denyes, son of James, born 1866. He is a farmer in Fredericksburg, Ont. He married Miss Vanslyke, now deceased. They had two sons. Walter Denyes, a graduate of Queen's University in engineering, is employed by the Preston Steel Co., Preston, Ont. He married Miss Ashley, who

is also a graduate of Queen's, holding her B.A. degree. They have two children, Douglas and Helen. Earle, second son of Frank Denyes, married Miss Burley, of Ernestown. He is engaged in farming on the homestead, was overseas at the time of the Great War, and has one son, Blake. Frank Denyes was married the second time and had one daughter who died after a short illness in Florida.

Horace Denyes, son of James, married Miss Kelley of Sidney Tp. He owns and operates a large farm on the Provincial Highway near Napanee. They have four sons and one daughter. Cecil holds a position of General Agency for the Pedler Co.; Karl and Ford are farmers on the homestead; Bert and Jean are students.

Alice, eldest daughter of James Denyes, married Fred Johnston, of Moscow, Ont. He operated a cheese factory and farm at that place. Later, he sold out and moved to Millbrook, Ont., where he engaged in farming, but died soon after. They had five children, Marie (deceased); Norma married Dr. W. R. Reynolds of Toronto; Alexandria married J. L. Jackson, a business man, Toronto; Beryl, a professional nurse in Detroit, and Archie, a farmer living on the homestead.

Nellie, daughter of James Denyes, married Seldon Ketcheson, of Sidney. He engaged in farming and fruit growing for several years, and now

has retired and lives in Belleville. They have one son, Ritchie, on the farm homestead. He married Miss Ried of Sidney. They have two children, Helen and Douglas.

Annie, youngest daughter of James Denyes, married Stanley Sproule, farmer, near Odessa. They have two children, Stanley and Helen (Teacher).

Harvey Denyes, third son of Martin Denyes, Jr., was born in 1843. He married Mary Johnston, of Ernestown. They lived near Odessa and operated a farm for many years. He died after a short illness at the age of seventy-five. They had four children, Johnston, who was killed in an auto accident in the United States; second son (deceased); one daughter, Brenda, married James Lindsay, a Civil Engineer. She died shortly after marriage, in Western Canada. Ivy Denyes married George Sutton Lucas, farmer in Fredericksburg.

Thomas Norman Denyes, son of Martin Denyes, Jr., born 1845, married Miss Anderson. They had three children, Fred, who lives at Cataraqui, Ont.; Harry lives in California. He was a veteran of the Great War and served with the U.S. army. Mona Denyes (deceased).

George Denyes, son of Martin Denyes, Jr., lived on a farm in Ernestown for several years and

later married and settled in Rochester, N.Y. He afterwards moved to St. Louis, and died at that place.

Sidney A. Denyes, youngest son of Martin Denyes, lived on the homestead near Odessa. He married Elizabeth Anderson, of Prince Edward Co., Ont. They are now deceased. They had three children. Shelly Denyes still operates the old homestead farm of father and grandfather. He married Miss McPherson, of Sidney Tp. Captain Gerald Denyes, M.D., served with distinction in the Great War, having won a medal for conspicuous bravery. He is practising his profession in Ohio, U.S. Hazel Denyes is a graduate nurse, and volunteered for service in the Great War and saw strenuous work in France. She is now following her profession in New York and Brooklyn.

THE WRIGHT FAMILY

Emily Denyes, the eldest daughter of Martin Denyes, married Daniel Wright, a successful farmer in Ernestown. Mrs. Wright died several years ago. Mr. Wright died in 1926 at the age of eighty-four. They had two children, Elizabeth, a singer of note, married Frank Vanluven, a busi-

ness man of Napanee, Ont. Mr. Vanluven is deceased; his widow is living in Napanee. They had two daughters: Helen is at home; Elizabeth, a professional vocalist, married John Wilbur Jenkins, 331 West 83rd St., New York City. They have one daughter, Betty.

Ernest Wright married Rose Storms, of Ernestown (now deceased). He married for his second wife a graduate nurse, Kingston, Ont. They have one child.

THE WAGAR FAMILY

Charlotte Denyes, daughter of Martin, married J. D. Wagar, who spent all his married life in the mercantile business in Enterprise, Ont. They are both deceased. They had eight children. Sidney married Miss Clancy. He is a veteran of the Great War, and went overseas with the Canadian Expeditionary Force. He held a commission as Captain. Stanley Wagar married Rhoda Marlan for his first wife. His second wife was Miss Chant, a daughter of the Rev. Joseph Chant, a Methodist minister of Newburg, Ont. Wellington Wagar is married and lives in California and has two children. Charles Wagar, M.D., (deceased). Erle Wagar is in California. Hattie Wagar mar-

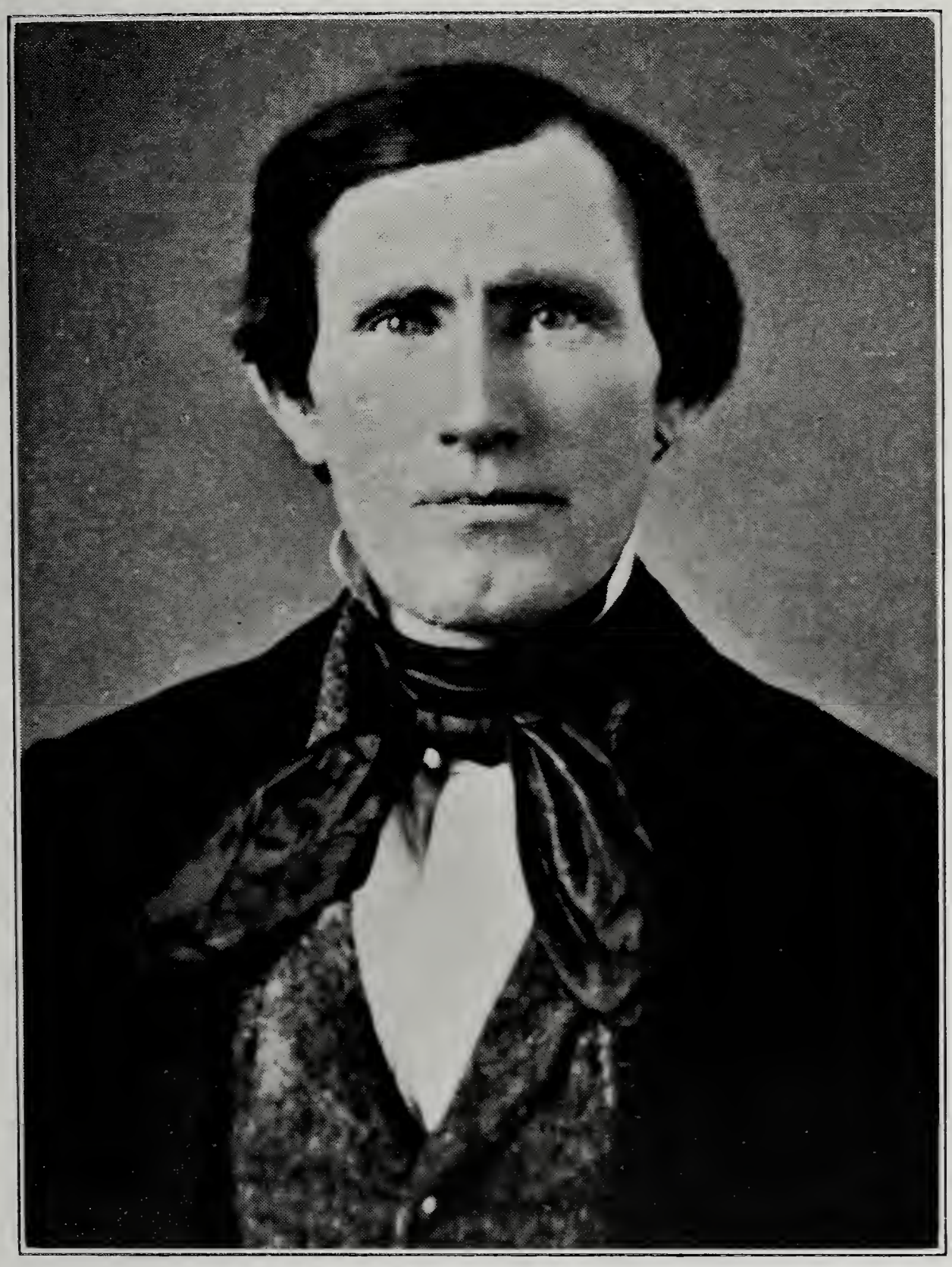
ried Mr. Gillette, a Mining Engineer. Florence Wagar married Mr. Carscallen of Enterprise. They have one child. Maude Wagar died in her young womanhood.

Nellie Denyes, daughter of Martin Denyes, was born 1850 and married Silas Ash, merchant, Centreville, Ont. She died shortly after marriage.

Margaret, youngest daughter of Martin Denyes, married James Johnston, a farmer in Ernestown. They had two children. Annie married Robert R. Willis, who holds a prominent position with the T. Eaton Co., address 110 Oakwood Ave., Toronto. Earl Johnston is settled in life.

James William Denyes, son of John and Eve Denyes, was born in 1814 in Fredericksburg, Ont. He and his older brother, Martin, worked together when they were young men at the carpenter trade and built several barns and houses in the Bay of Quinte District. He married Sally M. Bull in 1838. He lived for a short time in Belleville and Napanee, Ont. In 1840 he moved to Youngstown, N.Y., and later to Oneida Co., N.Y. At the time of the gold excitement in California he, with thousands of other adventurers, made the long journey there by stage coach and on foot. After meeting with some success and enduring many hardships, he returned to Michigan where he spent the remainder of his life. In 1857, while working on a school building in Dowagiac, Mich., he contracted pneumonia, which proved fatal. He had four children. James William's widow was again married and she died in 1881.

George Montgomery Denyes, eldest son of James William Denyes, was born in 1840. He married Sarah Ann White in 1870. He was a cooper by trade and worked at his trade in Dowagiac, Mich., and other places during his younger years. In his latter years he was employed by



PIONEER JAMES WILLIAM DENYES

Son of John.

Dowagiac Manufacturing Co. as a wood-worker. He died Jan. 8th, 1908. He had four children.

Gaylord died in infancy.

Delthine, daughter, died in childhood.

Edwin died in infancy.

David William Denyes, born 1874, married Clara Girdy, of Dowagiac, and had one son, Donald, who was burned to death at two years of age. In 1909 David W. again married. His wife was Otellia Swartz, of South Bend, Ind., and they had four children.

Lillian, born 1909, married Charles Montmore. They have one son, David Charles.

Esther, born 1912, student.

George, born 1914, student.

Richard, born 1916, student.

David William Denyes is an expert painter. At present he is employed by Heddon & Co., Dowagiac, as foreman in a finishing department.

Mary Louise Denyes, only daughter of James William Denyes, born 1845, married Charles Twiss, a silver mine owner in Nevada. She died in 1907, without issue.

Martin W. Gaylord Denyes, son of James William Denyes, was born near Rome, N.Y., in 1848. He married Anetta Caroline Fenn, of Dowagiac, Mich., in 1869. He inherited some of the genius of his forebears. He became an expert mechanic and wrought out many inventions. He was awarded the silver medal at St. Louis Exposition of 1904 for his work. He greatly assisted The International Harvester Co. in the improvement of farm machinery.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Gaylord Denyes were parents of six children. He died in South Bend, Ind., April 27th, 1924. His wife is still active and lives in Niles, Mich.

Ralph G. Denyes, born 1870, married Emma Shattuck, of Dowagiac, Mich.; he inherited his father's inventive genius, and had several inventions to his credit at the time of his death. He was Assistant Superintendent of Weston-Mott Co. (afterwards Buick Motor Co.), Flint, Mich. He had one child by his first marriage.

Maude Zelda Denyes was born in 1893. She married John Tremmell, of Beverly Hills, Cal., and has one daughter, Jacquelyn, born 1927.

Ralph G. Denyes married for his second wife, Ora Vance, of Hoopeston, Ill., and had two chil-

dren, Ralph and Annetta, both of whom died in infancy. Ralph Denyes died July 10th, 1910, in Flint, Mich.

Bertha May, and Otis James, children of Martin Gaylord Denyes, died in infancy.

Harry E. Denyes, son of Martin Gaylord Denyes, born in Dowagiac, Mich., 1876, married Ella Woolfgang in 1902, and now resides in South Bend, Indiana. He is a metal pattern maker by trade. They have four children.

Dorothy Annetta, born 1903, married Harry Driggs, of South Bend, Ind.

Gaylord James, born 1904, died 1920.

Ralph Gordon Denyes, born 1911, high school student.

Lucy died in infancy.

THE BARRON FAMILY

Verna Elizabeth Denyes, daughter of Martin Gaylord Denyes, born at Dowagiac, Mich., in 1878, married W. S. Barron in 1898 and now lives in Niles, Mich. He is an offiicial of the Michigan Central Railway Co. They have four children.

Kenneth Melville Barron, born 1899, at Decatur, Mich., served in 142 Aero Squadron during 1917-18 and saw service in France. He married Gladys Johnson, Albion, Mich., in 1922, and has two daughters, Verna Jean, born 1923, and Mary Jane, born 1926. Kenneth M. Barron is an accountant for a Company in Evaston, Ill.

Reginald G. Barron, born in Jackson, Mich., in 1902, married Dorothy Brown in 1923. He is Chief Clerk to Superintendent of Michigan Central Railway. They have one daughter, Margaret Mary, born 1924.

Janice Fredericka Barron, born 1904, married Robert L. Long, Niles, Mich., 1929.

Frank Walter Barron, born 1907, now lives in Niles, Mich., where he is Chief Teller in Niles City Bank & Trust Co. W. S. Barron's address is Niles, Mich.

THE BOUGHTON FAMILY

Zora Maria Denyes, daughter of Martin Gaylord Denyes, was born at Dowagiac, Mich., in 1881. She married Dr. Wellington Boughton at Macedon, N.Y., 1902, and practised his profession in

Batavia, N.Y. He died Jan. 31, 1929. They had two sons.

George G. Boughton, born 1905, a violinist of note, received his musical education in the University of Prague, and is now Professor of violin in Kansas State Teachers' College, Emporia, Kan.

William Marsh Boughton, born at Batavia, N. Y., 1908, is now in Tucson, Ariz., where he is salesman for Martin Drug Co.

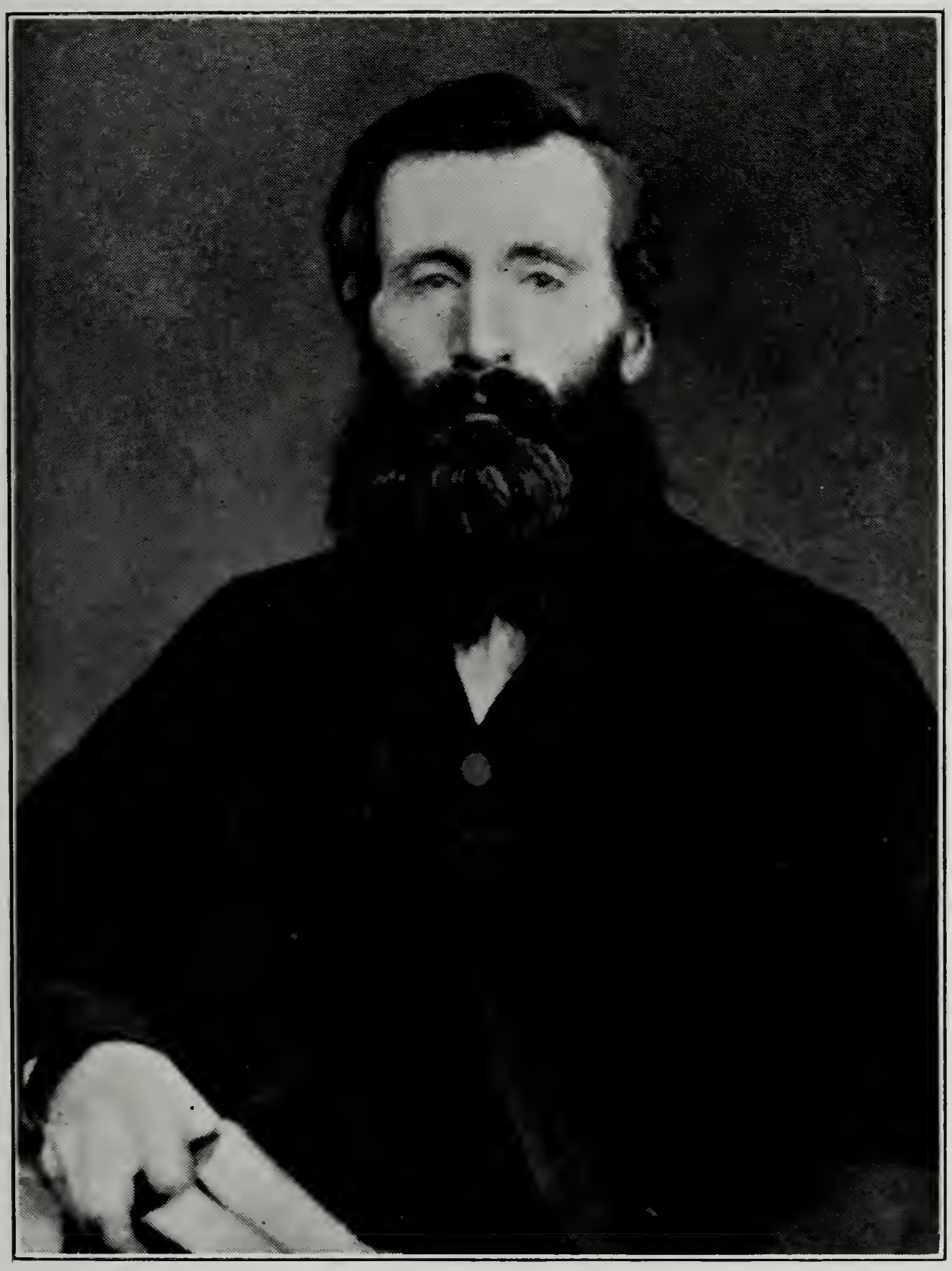
Simon Peter Denyes, son of John and Eve, was born 1818 in Ernestown and came to Thurlow Tp. in 1835. He married Eliza Hamilton in 1847. He was a born mechanic and worked at the carpenter trade for a time and later settled on a farm in the seventh concession of Thurlow. He worked at his trade considerably through life. He was one of the old-time carpenters that could hew to the line. He was an expert axeman and helped to clear two forest farms.

These were the days when the timber wolves were commonly seen in the day time, and disturbed the people from their sleep by their howls at night. He, also, will rank with the pioneers.

He and his wife were devoted members of the Methodist Church, and before organs were in use in the church, he was always expected to lead the singing; he knew well the metres, and was a capable leader.

They raised a family of ten children. Simon died in 1881; his wife Eliza lived to a great age. They are buried in Zion cemetery in Thurlow.

John Wesley, son of Simon Denyes, born 1849, married Melissa Diamond. He spent several years in farming on the homestead. After his



PIONEER SIMON PETER DENYES

Son of John.

marriage he moved to Guelph, Ont., in 1876, and engaged as a mechanic with Burr Bros., who had a furniture factory. Later he moved to Toronto and spent several years in the employ of the Gerhard Heintzman Piano Co. Mrs. Denyes died several years ago. He is still working at his trade in his eightieth year, and is living with his son, Harry, 705 Windemere, Toronto. They had five sons.

Charles is a merchant in Idaho, no children.

Harry is a mechanic and has been engaged in a furniture and piano factory for many years. He went with the Guelph battery of the Canadian Artillery to the South African War and saw hard service. He has one daughter, Grace.

Otos is married and lives in Toronto, and is engaged in the printing business. He has one daughter, Audrey, student.

Fred died suddenly while they were living in Guelph, in his young manhood.

Lindsay went overseas with the Canadian Mounted Infantry. He paid the supreme sacrifice in 1916 in the World War.

Hester, eldest daughter of Simon P. Denyes, born 1850, married Willet Casey, a farmer in Thurlow Tp. They had three children, Leo.

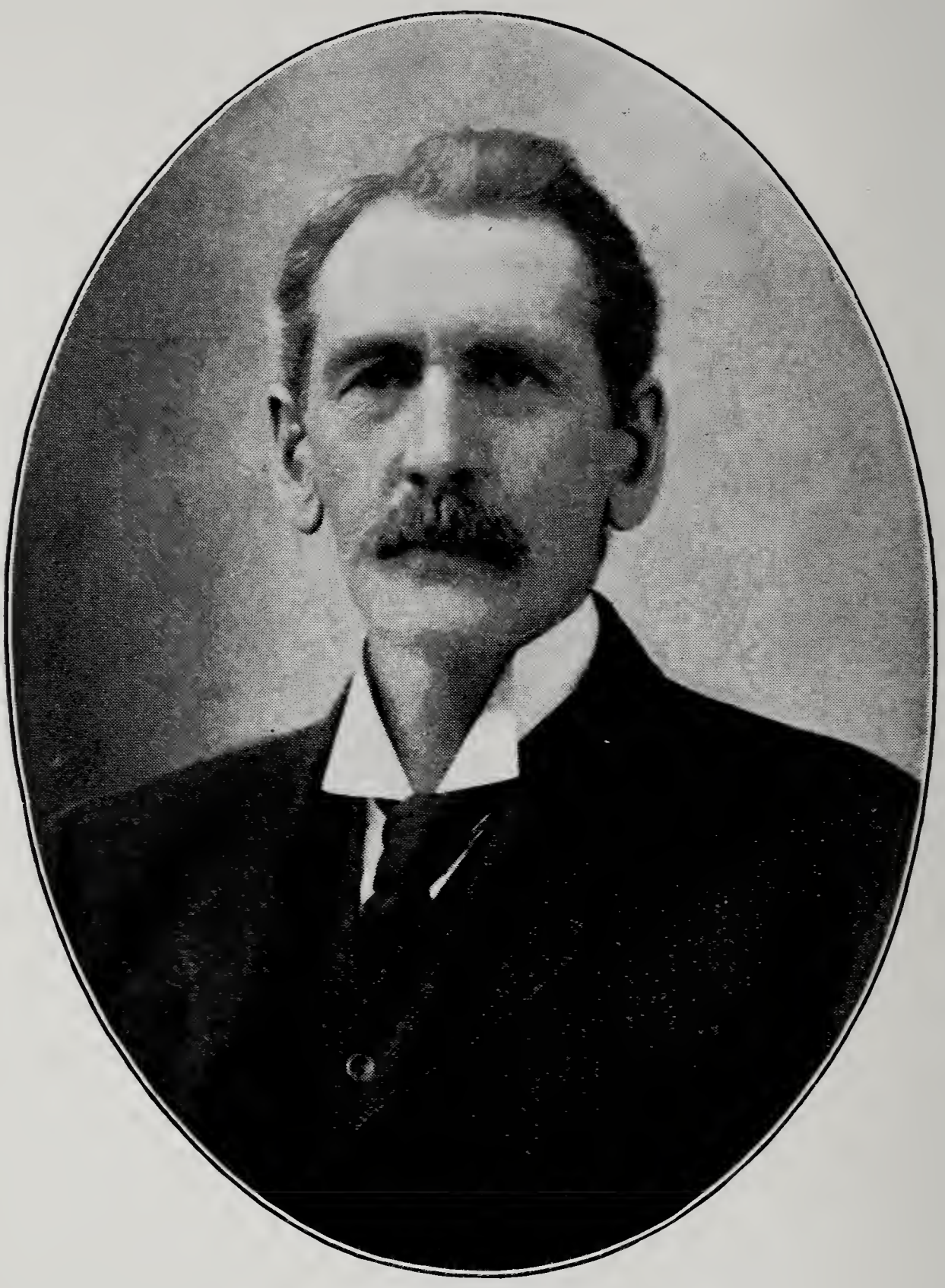
Arthur and Lillian. Arthur resides on the homestead. He married Miss Bryant, of Foxboro, Ont. They have two sons, Bryant and Willet.

Lillian Casey married Hugh Badgley, a prosperous farmer, in Sidney Tp. They have two daughters, Leda and Jean.

Mary Denyes, born 1852, married Lucien Reed, a farmer near Corbyville, Ont. He died after a short illness several years ago. They have one son, George Franklin, who still lives on the old Reed homestead of father and grandfather. He married Miss Vandevort. They have one son, Clarence.

James Albert and Wellington Denyes died in their young manhood.

William Alexander Denyes, born 1860, married Emma Diamond. He engaged in farming for several years and later went into the mercantile business, and now resides in Winnipeg. They had two sons and two daughters. Lewis married Miss Henderson, of Foxboro, Ont. They reside in Toronto. Wellington married Miss Alma Martin, Almonte, Ont. They have three children, Ruth, Hugh and William (twins); all reside in Detroit, Mich. Alma Denyes married Ralph Parliament, of Toronto. He is at present in business in Winni-



JOHN W. DENYES
Toronto, Ontario.

Third oldest living Denyes in 1929—(81 years of age). Grandson of Pioneer John and eldest son of Simon.

peg. They have two daughters, Shirley and Irene. Ruby, daughter of William A. Denyes, died in infancy.

Martha, Hattie and Sara Denyes died when they were young girls.

Charles Denyes, youngest son of Simon P. Denyes, is an architect and contractor residing in Toronto. He married Minnie Leach, of St. Louis, Mo. They have three children, Helen, married, and lives in Toronto, Hamilton, and Ernest.

THE BRISTOL FAMILY

Rachel Denyes, second daughter of John and Eve, born 1820, in Ernestown, married Joel Bristol, a tanner and shoemaker in Thurlow, whose forefathers were United Empire Loyalists. Ten children blest this union. He died when he was fifty years of age, and some years after Rachel married Thomas Davy, whose first wife was Mary Denyes, daughter of John and Eve. Thomas Davy died about 1868. Rachel died in Port Huron about 1890.

Charlotte Bristol, born 1842, in Thurlow, married Samuel Moore, a weaver. They had two children who are married and have families and live in New Ontario.

Susan Bristol, born 1844, married Norman Davy, of Ernestown; he worked at the carpenter trade for many years and then moved to Hamilton, Ont. They are both deceased. They had one son.

THE PRINGLE FAMILY

Louisa Jane Bristol, born 1846, in Thurlow, married Albert Pringle, a farmer in Madoc Tp. Albert died in 1889, Louisa Jane in 1897. They had nine children; four died in infancy. Jacob H. Pringle, born 1868, died 1899, shortly after his marriage. His wife was Catherine Brooks.

Hester Mabel Pringle, born 1874, married Robert Fraser in 1900. They reside at Elva, Manitoba. They have two daughters, Lucy (Teacher), married Gilbert Hopley. They reside at Redvers, Sask. Jennie lives at home.

Eliza Victoria Pringle, born 1878, in Madoc, married Robert A. Wood in 1900. Mr. Wood has held many positions of trust in his native township. They have three children, Irene, who has been accountant for the Tweed Steel Company for five years; Eunice and Albert at home.

Thomas Henry Pringle, born 1880, married Isabel White. They reside at Two Creeks, Man.

They have four children, Mabel, Albert, Gretta and Effie.

Martha Jane Pringle, born 1884, married Malcolm Beaton, address Herschel, Sask. They have five children, Carl, Gladys, Angus, Mabel and Walter.

Alexis Bristol was born 1847 and, when but a young man enlisted with the Northern Army, at the time of the American Civil War, and was killed in action in his first engagement.

Eve Eliza Bristol, born 1849, married and lived near Harrisburg, Ont. She is deceased.

Hester Bristol, born 1852, married William H. Melburn, of Plainfield, Ont. He successfully engaged in several lines of business, and after many years of activities retired and moved to Belleville. He died in 1928. They have one daughter, Myrtle Chalmers, who taught school for some time and later entered the University of Saskatchewan, graduated M.A. in 1926, and is now lecturer in the same University.

THE HOLLINGER FAMILY

Margaret Ann Bristol, born 1850, married John Hollinger, of Huntington Tp. He was a mechanic. They first settled in Kincardine, Ont., and

in 1890 they moved to Port Huron, Mich. He was a contractor and builder in that city. Mrs. Hollinger died in 1925 and he died in 1929, aged 85. Seven daughters and one son blest this union.

Ethel married Henry W. Smith, now living in Grand Haven, Mich. He is a foreman in an Automobile works. They had three daughters. Eva married Fred Willing, a machinist in Kansas City. Bernice died at the age of twenty-two, and Margaret holds a position in Grand Haven.

Gertie married Herbert Marlatt, merchant in Port Huron. They have three children, Hazel, who married John Cossin, a musician, in Port Huron. Evelyn married Howard Bell. She died shortly after marriage. Harold is an operator in a Power House.

Addie married Orval W. Langford, agent for the American Express Co., Port Huron. They have one son, Charles, who is in the employ of the G. T. Railway.

Carrie married Hiram Stephens. She died shortly after marriage.

Nellie married Earl Johnston, a business man in San Diego, Cal. He died in 1925. Mrs. Johnston still lives in that place.

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Mabel married John W. Atkinson, foreman in Locomotive Works, Port Huron; they have two girls, Jean and June.

Frank Hollinger lives in Wyandotte, Mich. He is foreman in a moulding shop; he has two sons, Arnold, attending University at Ann Arbor, Mich., Frank, Jr., student in Wyandotte.

Eva died in her youth.

John Bristol, born 1855, worked for several years in a cabinet factory and later he married and settled on a farm in Manitoba and after a few years moved to B.C.

Carrie Bristol, born 1857, lived for a number of years in Guelph, Ont.

William Bristol, born 1859, married and settled in North Hastings. He did pioneer work in that place. He died several years ago. They had four children, Alexis, who was a Great War veteran; the daughters are married and live in Western Canada. After William's death his widow and daughters moved to Winnipeg, Man.

In 1880 William and a friend of his. John Brown, a young school teacher, were lost in the wilds of North Hastings; William survived but John Brown perished with the cold.

Nathan Denyes, son of John and Eve Denyes, was born in 1822 in Ernestown, and came to Thurlow with the family, when he was a young man. He helped to clear the new farm, which was a forest. He married Sarah Ann Ketcheson, of Huntington Tp., in 1854 and they spent all their married life on the homestead. They knew much of pioneer life not only on the farm, but saw the Methodist Church in its early stages, when public worship was conducted in barns and school houses. He was a man of high Christian ideals, and put those ideals in practise through life; he was always found at his post where duty called him. He was an office-bearer in the church for many yeras.

Mr. and Mrs. Denyes were always ready to welcome the ministers to their home. He died in 1898, his wife in 1915, at the age of eighty-five. They are buried in the Zion Cemetery. They had two children.

Henry Ketcheson Denyes, son of Nathan Denyes, was born 1854, and has always lived on the homestead of father and grandfather. He was married twice. His first wife was Maude M. Chapman, of Plainfield, Ont.; she died in 1889. His second wife was Edith H. Neely (Teacher), Newburgh, Ont. He was Supt. of Zion Sunday School from 1889-1917; delegate to the Interna-

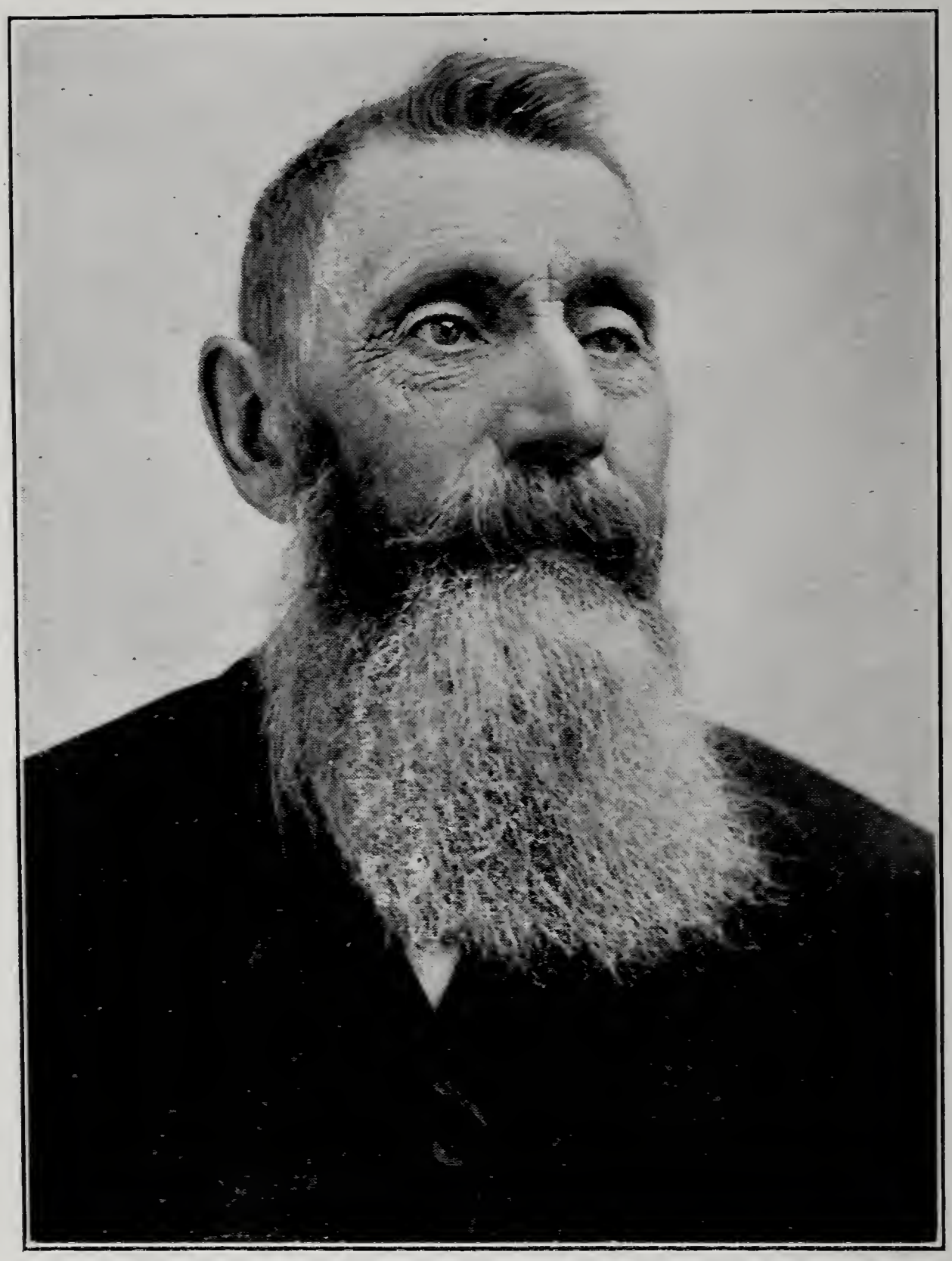
GEORGIA BLACK KENDALL

Los Angeles, Cal.

Great-granddaughter of Pioneer Peter Denyes; Granddaughter of Lawrence Denyes.

MYRTLE CHALMERS MELBURN, M.A.
University of Saskatchewan.
Great-granddaughter of Pioneer John Denyes.

NELLIE GARRISON CARL, B.A.
Queen's University.
Great-granddaughter of Pioneer John.



PIONEER NATHAN DENYES
Son of John.

tional Sunday School convention in 1900; County Commissioner for the County of Hastings 1900-1911; appointed Justice of the Peace in 1905; Pres. of East Hastings Farmers' Institute 1907-1909; Life member of the O.R.E.C. 1910; Member of the Ontario Legislature 1919-1923; Pres. of Belleville Agricultural Society 1920-1921; Pres. of Laymen's Association of Bay Quinte conference 1921-1922; delegate to General Conference of the Methodist Church which was held in Hamilton, Ont., 1920; again in 1924 at Toronto; a commissioner to the first General Council of the United Church of Canada which was held in Toronto 1925; Commissioner to General Council in 1926 held in Montreal; appointed a member of the General Board of Evangelism and Social Service of the United Church, 1928; a member of the Home Mission Committee; member of the Settlement Committee of Bay of Quinte Conference 1926-1929.

Six children were born in this Denyes home. Address Holloway, Ont.

George Franklin Denyes, born 1884, after graduating from Albert College and Victoria University, was ordained in the Methodist Ministry. He spent several years as a Missionary to the Cree Indians in Western Canada, first at White Fish Lake, in Alberta, later at Norway House, where

he was Principal of the Indian Boarding School. He is a member of the Manitoba Conference and is stationed at Ninga, Man. He married Olive Holiday, a registered nurse, Whitby, Ont. They have two children, Winona and Alvin.

Alfred K. Denyes, born 1886, engaged in farming in Thurlow and later moved to Brighton Tp., where he specializes in dairying and fruit growing. He is a member of the Municipal Council. He married Dell Lawson (Teacher). They have two children, E. Maude and Henry Stuart, students. His address is Brighton, Ont.

Erle S. Denyes, born 1892, is a veteran of the World War. He was a lieutenant in the 254th Regiment, C.E.F., and was transferred to the Canadian Heavy Siege Artillery. He was seriously gassed at Vimy Ridge during the great German drive in 1917. He married Bessie Sills. He lives on a farm near Plainfield. They have two sons, Drury and Garnet, students. His address is Latta, Ont.

Garnet Gordon Denyes, born 1894, died in 1899. Helen Maude Denyes, born 1900, married Frank Jeffrey, farmer Sidney Tp. They have one son, Donald Henry, address R.R. 2, Belleville, Ont.

Henry Kenneth Denyes, born 1902, is a farmer, and lives on the homestead of four generations. His address is Holloway, Ont.

THE REDNER FAMILY

Catherine Louise, only daughter of Nathan Denyes, was born in 1865. She married James Henry Redner, of Rednersville, Prince Edward County, Ont. He engaged in farming and fruit-growing for several years. He later sold his farm and moved to Belleville. He is a farm machinery expert, and has been connected with the Frost and Wood Co. for some time. They have one son.

Arthur Redner, born 1894, married Grace Prescott, of Detroit. He is a born mechanic and after taking special electrical study he engaged with the Hydro Electric Power Co. After serving for some years, he went to Detroit and engaged with a Motor company. He is an expert machinist and has been promoted from time to time. They have two children, Ellen and Roland.

THE HAIGHT FAMILY

Esther, third daughter of John and Eve Denyes, was born 1824 in Ernestown and came to Thurlow with her parents when she was thirteen years of age. She married Gordon Haight of Huntington. He engaged in farming for several years, and later moved with his family to Virginia, U.S.; he was a railway contractor in the Southern States for several years. In 1865 they moved to Chicago, Ill., where he spent several years in business. While there they lost by death their only son, John. This left them alone in life and grief-stricken; then they returned to Canada and settled in Belleville, Ont., where he died shortly after.

Mrs. Haight later married Rev. William Bird, a retired Methodist minister, in Belleville. Esther died in 1909.

THE LLOYD FAMILY

Louisa Jane Denyes, fourth daughter of John and Eve Denyes, born 1826, married Charles Lloyd. They lived for a time in Thurlow, and later moved to Lennox Co. He engaged in farming all his life. They were active workers in the Methodist Church and did much to build up the cause at Morven, Ont. He was Deputy Reeve of

Fredericksburg for several years and member of the County Council. Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd lived to a good old age. Their remains were laid to rest in the Morven Cemetery. They had five children. Isabel and Charles died in their youth.

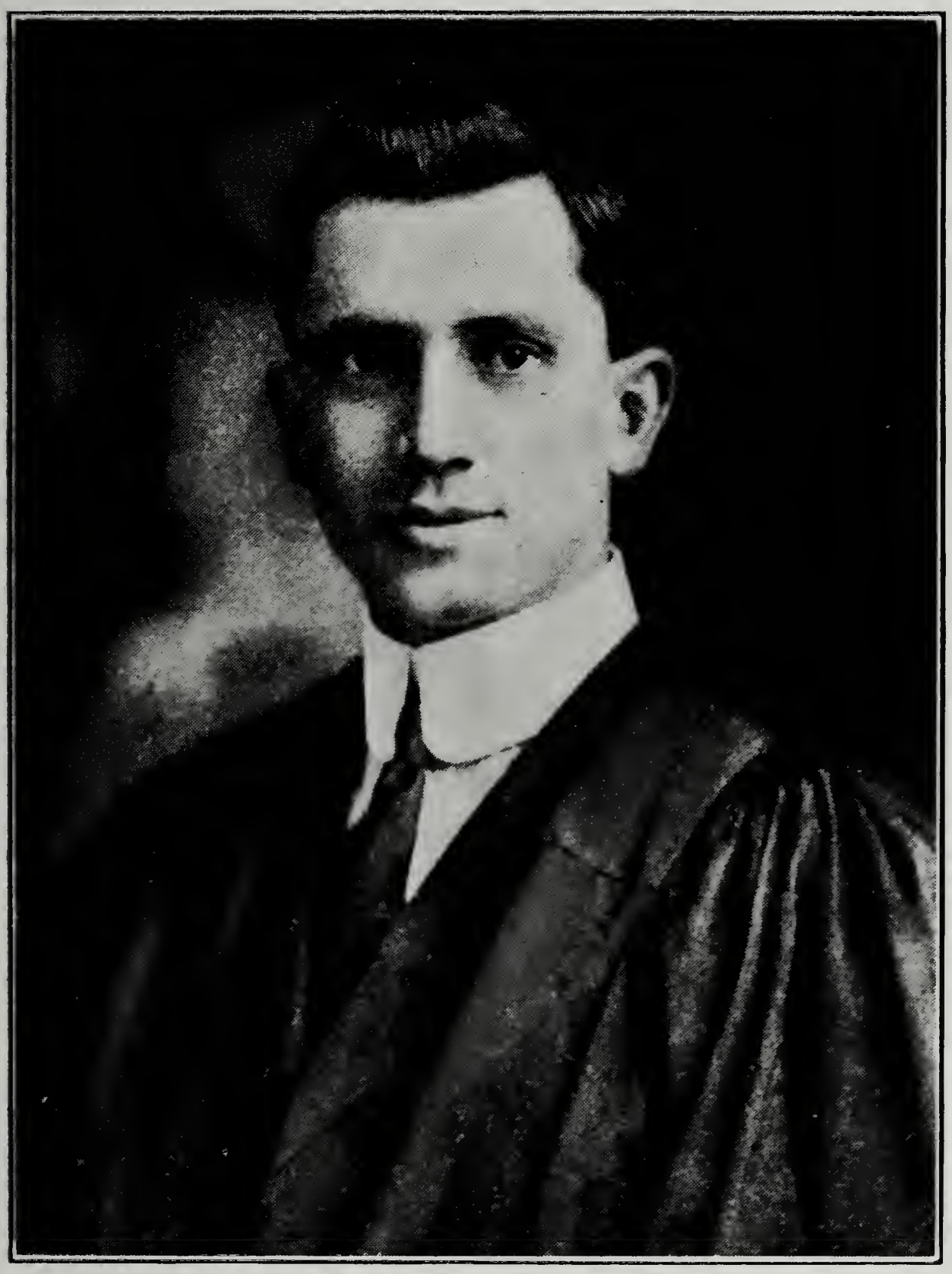
Emily, born in 1849, married Samuel Bell, a farmer in Ernestown. He died at Morven, 1925, after an active and useful life. They had one son, Charles, who lives on the homestead. Emily died 1929.

Hattie, born 1854, married John Albert Bell, who operated a farm in Fredericksburg for several years and later moved to Morven where he again engaged in the same business. Mr. and Mrs. Bell were leaders in all church activities at Morven. She died in 1927 and after her death he sold his farm and is now retired and living in Napanee, Ont. They had two twin daughters. Lottie married Clarence Sharpe, a prosperous farmer on the Provincial Highway in Ernestown. No children. Luva (deceased) married Hugh Milling, a farmer in Fredericksburg. He has been reeve of his native township, and warden of the counties of Lennox and Addington. They have four daughters, Mildred, registered nurse, Helen, Hattie and Jean are students.

Lida Lloyd, born in 1864, married Mitchell Empey, farmer in Ernestown. He specializes in

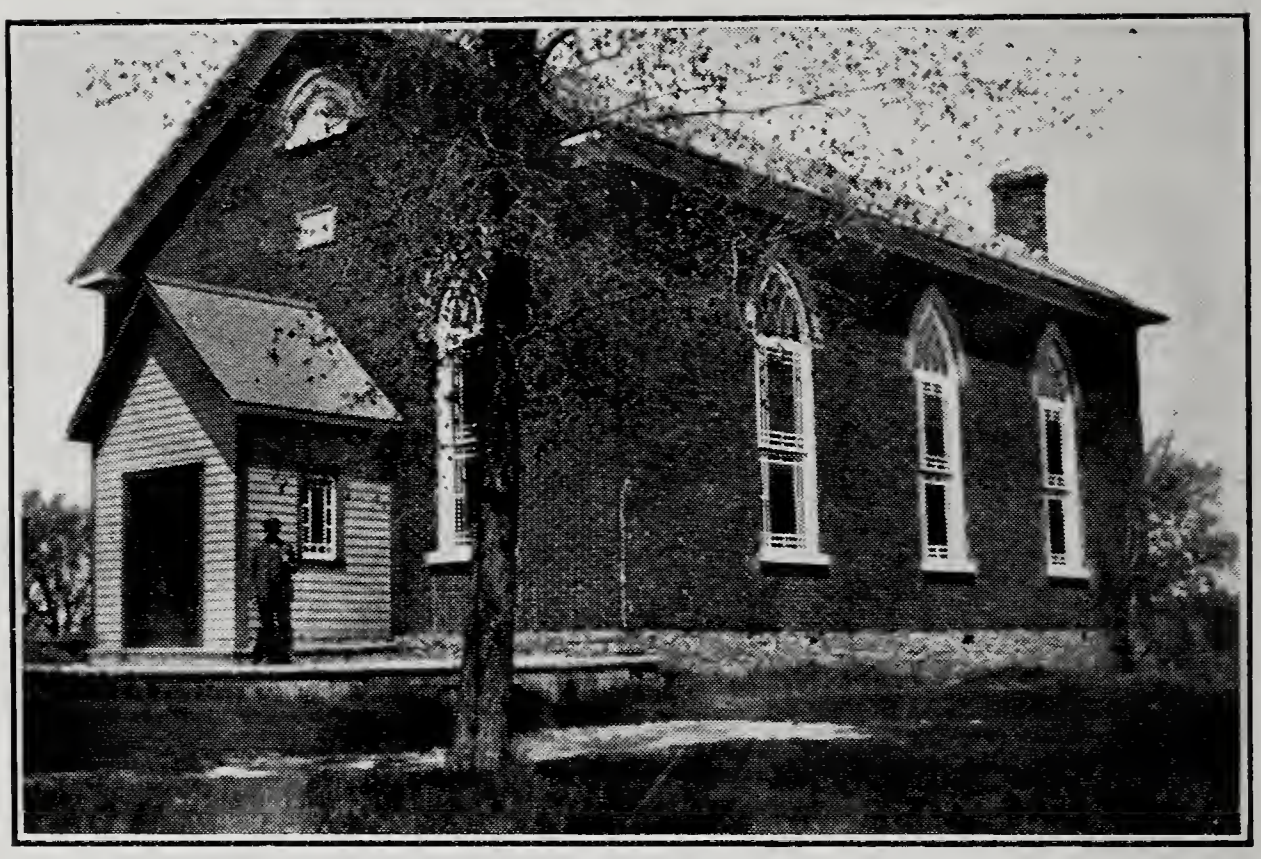
dairying and stock-raising. He has filled many positions of trust. He was Reeve of his native township, President of the Eastern Ontario Dairymen's Association, and has been on several commissions. They had six children, Irene (deceased); Jessie L., graduate nurse, was Lady Superintendent of a hospital at Englehart, Ont. She married Rev. A. Gillies, B.A., graduate of Knox College, and Edinburgh University. Arnold T. Empey married Helen G. Moore, of Ernestown; they have one son, Douglas. Holbert C. Empey lives on the homestead; he and Arnold are twins. Reginald Empey is a medical student at Queen's University. George Empey is attending Queen's with a view to the ministry. Reginald and George are twins also. Holbert Empey married Lottie Asselstine, Camden, Ont.

Patience, fifth daughter of John and Eve Denyes, was born 1828 in Ernestown and came with her parents to Thurlow. She never married. She spent most of her life in evangelistic work and going about doing good. She was wonderfully gifted both in speech and song. She took a great part in the old time Methodist camp meetings, especially in the Napanee District. After a lingering illness she passed peacefully away at thirty years of age. She was buried by the side of her parents in the Garrison cemetery at Plainfield.



REV. GEORGE F. DENYES
Manitoba.

Son of H. K. Denyes; Grandson of Nathan.



THE OLD METHODIST CHURCH
on the Denyes homestead in Thurlow

Emily and Charity Denyes were twins born 1831 in Ernestown. Emily died suddenly at the age of eighteen, which brought great grief to the family. She was buried at Plainfield.

Charity never married and always lived with her brother, Nathan. She died at the age of sixty-nine and was buried in the Denyes plot in the Zion Hill cemetery.

THE GARRISON FAMILY

Temperance Denyes, daughter of John and Eve Denyes, born 1829 in Ernestown, married Joseph Garrison, of Thurlow Tp. He engaged in farming for years in his native township and later moved with his family to Rawden, where he operated a cheese factory and farm. They lived to a good age, serving faithfully the Methodist Church and the community. They had seven children.

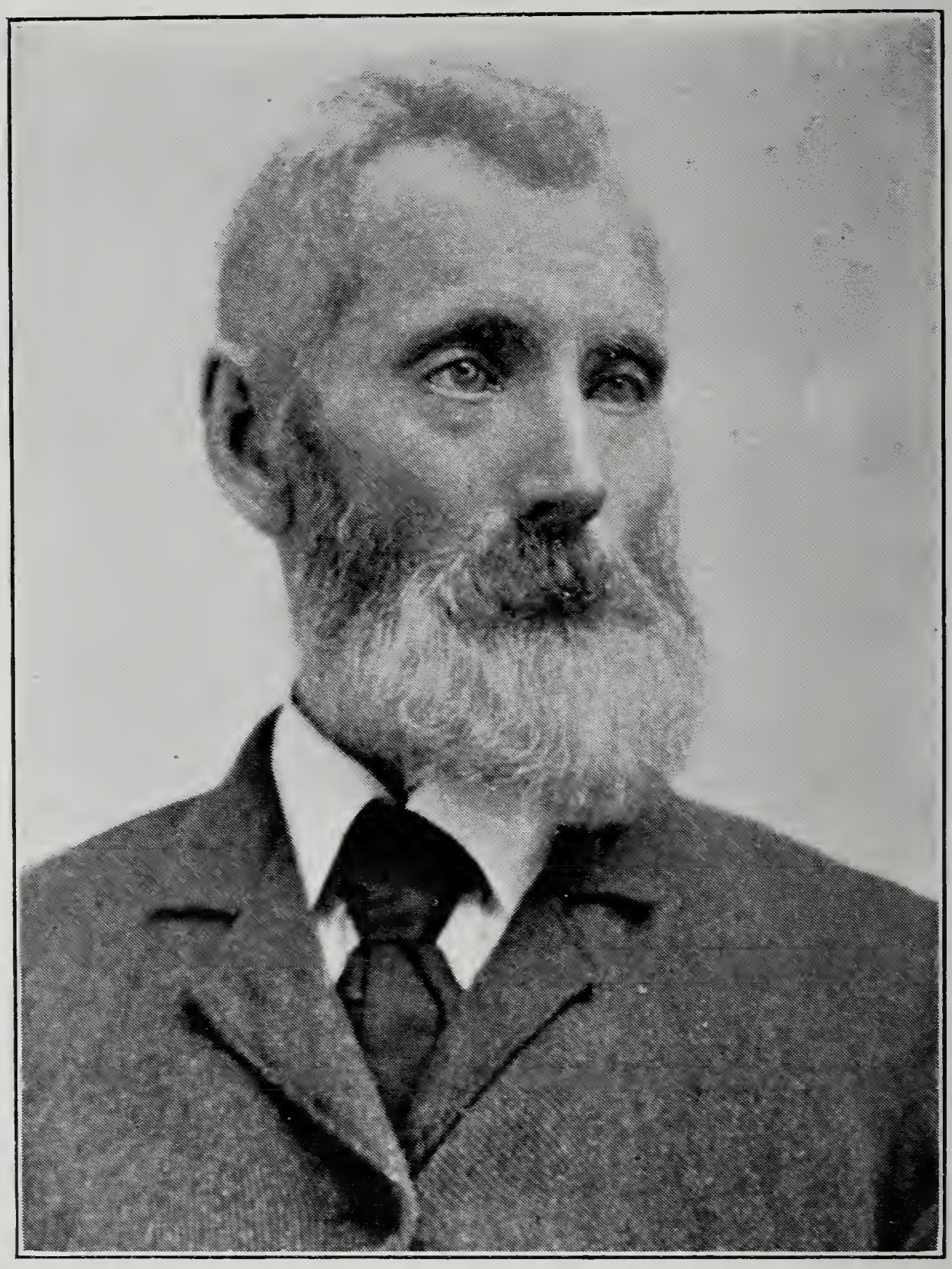
Harvey Garrison, born 1848, went to Chicago in 1872. He married and lived the rest of his life in that city. He had two sons, George, of the American Navy, who was also a veteran of the Great War. He is married and lives in Providence, R.I. Joseph is in the civil service in Chicago.

Emma Garrison, born 1854, married Fletcher Embury (Teacher), who taught school in several places in Western Canada and later in life he moved to Detroit, where Mrs. Embury died. They had one daughter who married Mr. McGearley, of Detroit.

Patience Garrison, born 1856, married D. A. Benedict, a blacksmith, who operated a shop in Foxboro for several years and later moved to Williamson, N.Y., where he is now retired. They have four sons, J. Fletcher Benedict, who is an accountant and resides in Fall River, Mass. Cameron holds a position of trust in Alton, N.Y. Percy is a chemist and holds a position in Peoria, Ill.; he is a graduate of the University of Rochester, N.Y. F. V. Benedict is engaged in business in Williamson.

Annis Garrison married Henry Hagerman, farmer in Rawden Tp., and several years ago they moved to Edmonton, Alta., where he is engaged in real estate. He also holds a position in the Public Works department of the city. They have four daughters and one son. Evelyn, Hazel and Edith are married and live in Edmonton. Mabel is married and lives in B.C. Roy is married and has a family and lives in Edmonton.

Wilbur Garrison, born 1862, was a painter and was in the employ of the Ashley Carriage Co. for



PIONEER SAMUEL WILSON DENYES
Son of John.

some years, but has spent most of his life in farming in Rawden. He married Ida McKim. They have two children. Nellie Garrison, B.A., is a graduate of Queen's University. She has spent several years in the teaching profession. She married Miller Carl, once a teacher, and is a Great War veteran. Floyd Garrison is a Great War veteran and went overseas with the first Canadian Contingent as a Lieutenant; he married an English lady after the war.

J. Freeman Garrison married Miss Ruport, of Rawden Tp. and shortly after their marriage went to Chicago where he has been engaged in business for many years. They have two sons, who are both University graduates. Clarence holds a position in Pittsburg, Pa.; Rupert is a mining engineer in Oregon.

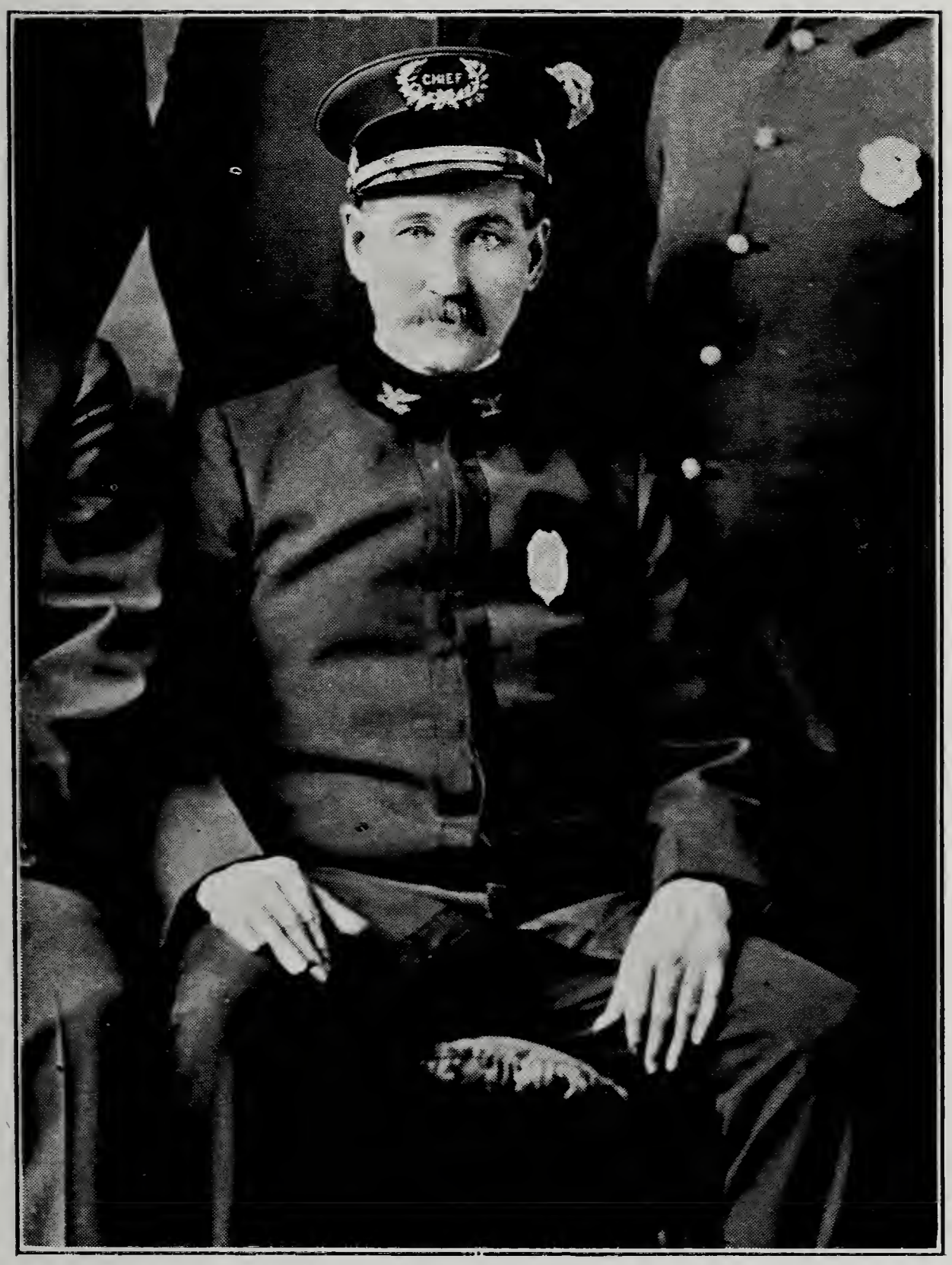
Lydia Garrison died when she was fourteen years of age.

Samuel Wilson Denyes, youngest son of John and Eve Denyes, was born 1833 in Ernestown and came to Thurlow Tp. with his parents when but a child, he being the youngest of thirteen children. He married Deborah-Ann Garrison of

Thurlow. He engaged in farming for several years, and later moved with his family to Owosso, Mich. He died 1905 and his wife died 1914. They had three sons and two daughters. Sara Amelia, born 1858, married and settled in Owosso, Mich. She and husband are both deceased. James H. Denyes, born 1863, has lived all his married life in Owosso. He is a builder and contractor. He has two sons, Thomas Roy, who has five children, Leroy and Clarence, both of whom are students at Grand Rapids, Mich., Doris, Myrtle and Ruth. Wilson C. Denyes, second son of James, is a farmer near Owosso.

Robert Baldwin Denyes, born 1866, is a mechanic and lived for many years in Owosso and later moved to a farm. He has two sons, Frank W., Royal Oaks, Mich., mechanic; Gordon Wilson, foreman in the Ford works, Detroit. He has two sons, Roy and Earl.

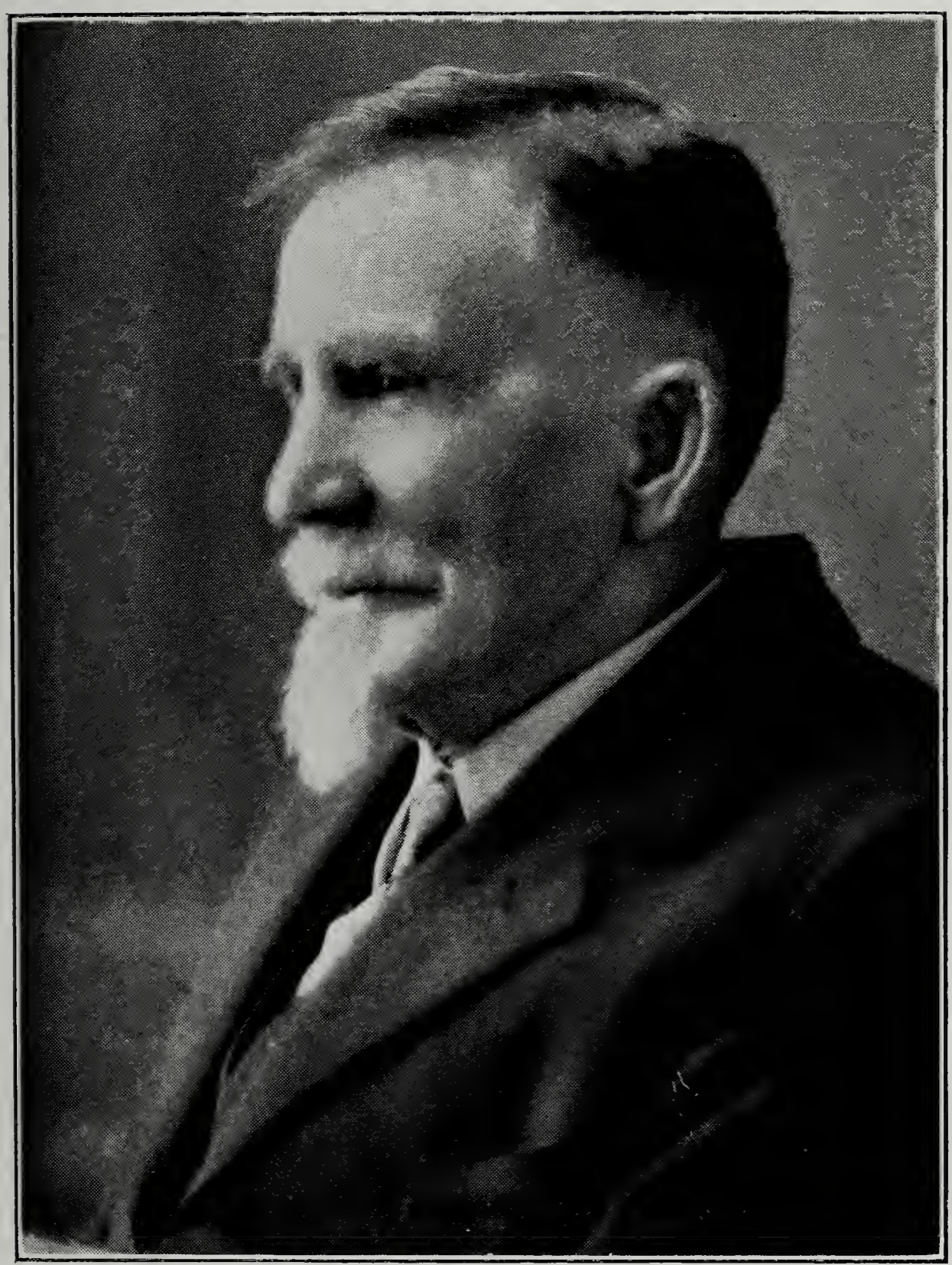
Lydia Alena Denyes, born 1872, married J. Prindle (deceased). They had five children, Percy in Saginaw, Mich. He has four children. Hazel is married and has three children. Flossie is married and has two children. Her husband, Mr. Tilock, is in the Postal Dept, Saginaw. Dorothy is a graduate nurse, Detroit. Mrs. Lydia A. Prindle married for her second husband, Wm. Easton.



GEORGE JUDSON DENYES
Chief of Police, Owosso, Mich.

Grandson of Pioneer John and son of Samuel Wilson Denyes.

PHILLIP DENYES
The only survivor of Pioneer Jacob's family in 1929.
Eighty-seven years of age.



JAMES DENYES

The oldest living Denyes in 1929 of the John branch.
Eighty-seven years of age.

JESSIE EMPEY GILLIES, R.N.
Englehart, Ontario.

Great-granddaughter of John Denyes; Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Empey, Napanee, Ont.

FLEDA J. DENYES, R.N.
Toronto General Hospital.
Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Denyes, Milton, Ont.

HAZEL DENYES, C.E.F.

Great War Nurse. Brooklyn, N.Y.

Great-granddaughter of John Denyes; Daughter of Sidney Denyes,

George Judson Denyes, born 1870, was twenty-three years on the Police Force of Owosso City, Mich.; the last three years he was Chief of the force. He then retired and entered the Public Works Dept. He had two sons, Everd E. (deceased) and Orval L., medical student in New Orleans.

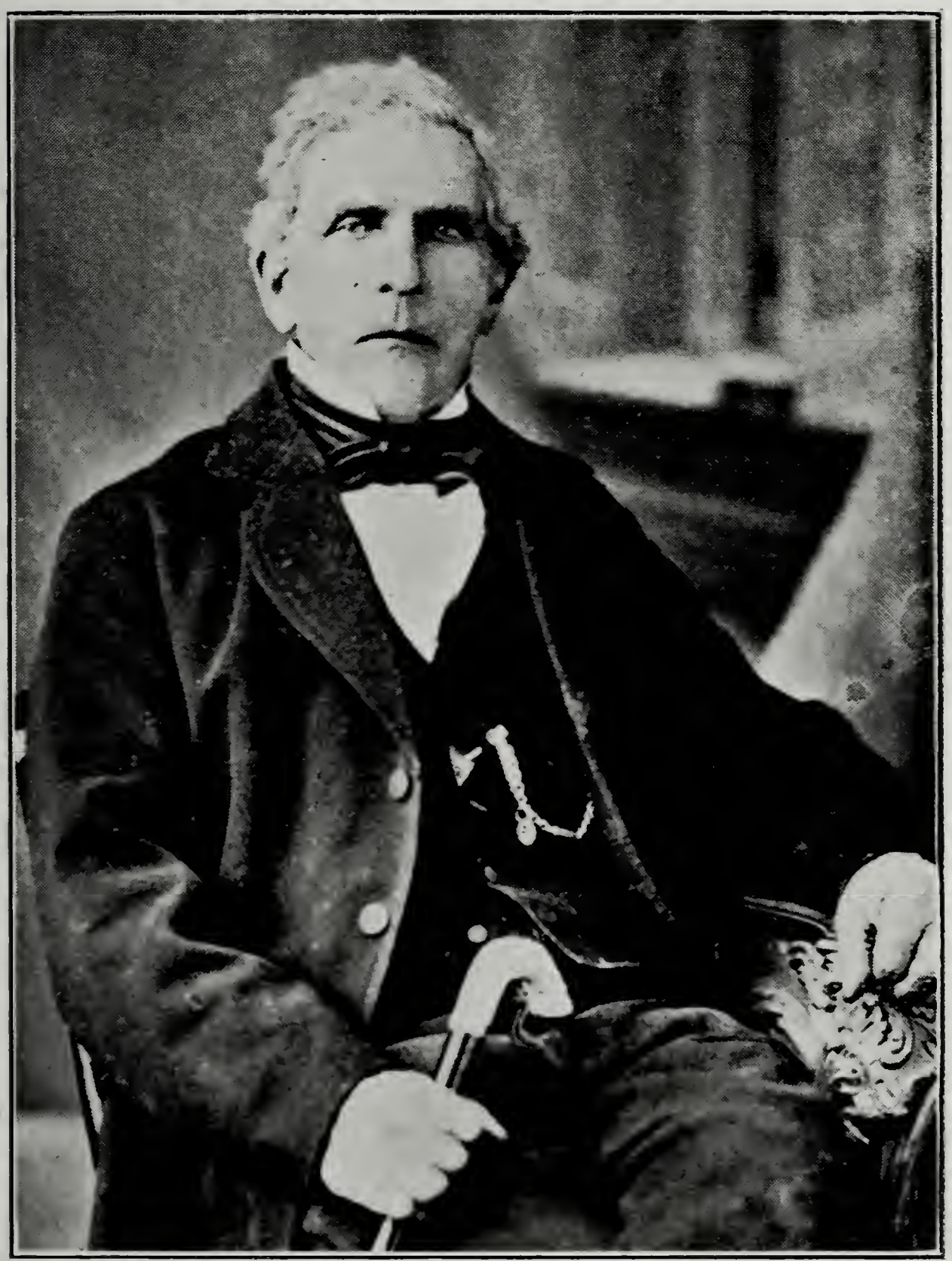
PETER DENYES BRANCH

Peter Denyes, second son of Martin, born 1793 in Fredericksburg, was a veteran in the War of 1812. After the war he married Mary Ann Sills and came to Thurlow Tp., Hastings Co., and settled in the ninth concession and was among the first settlers of that district.

These were the days when pioneering was very difficult, such as clearing the land from trees, stumps and stones and travelling for miles on horseback to carry a grist of wheat to some far-away mill, in order that the family might have bread.

Mary, his wife, died 1842, at the age of forty-two, leaving to mourn her loss eight children—two sons, six daughters—and a sorrowing husband.

Peter Denyes married for his second wife Eliza Gordon and they had seven children. He lived most of his life in Thurlow, but later moved to Sidney Tp. His children all lived to manhood and womanhood and married and settled in life. This surely is remarkable as there were fifteen. He died in the year 1883 at the age of ninety, and was buried in the Jones cemetery by his first wife, Mary Ann. His second wife lived several years longer.



PIONEER PETER DENYES
Veteran of War 1812.

THE SIMMONS FAMILY

Lucinda Denyes, daughter of Peter Denyes, born 1818, married Davis Simmons, of U. E. L. stock. He was a blacksmith by trade and lived in the 8th concession of Thurlow Tp., where he served the community for many years. They had nine children; two of them died in infancy.

Phillip Simmons was born in 1844 and when but a young man met with a serious accident and died shortly after.

James Simmons, born 1846, went to Bay City, Mich., in the year 1868. He was a veteran of the Fenian Raid. He had two daughters that are married, one living in Saginaw and the other in Lansing. He lived for many years in Bay City and died there.

Eliza Jane Simmons, born 1848, married William Gordenier of Huntington; they had two daughters and two sons. Ira and Herman were the sons.

John Davis Simmons, born in 1851, went to Michigan to live in 1870. These were the days when lumbering was carried on extensively in Northern Michigan, where so many of our young Canadian stalwarts went, and finally became American citizens. John Davis returned for his first visit to the place of his birth in 1927, after being

absent fifty-eight years. George, his son, is married and lives in Saginaw. Earl, second son, is married and lives near his father, and he has two children.

Almira Simmons married Murney Alcombrack of Huntington Tp. They had two sons, Davis (deceased) and Wilmot on the homestead; they also had one daughter.

Ira Simmons, born in 1856, married Maria Smith. He worked with the Ashley Carriage Co. for several years and later he carried on the blacksmith business in Foxboro. He was also a successful farmer for several years in Thurlow, also a concrete, and cement worker, and contractor. He is a licensed Auctioneer and Bailiff. He resides in Foxboro, Ont. They have one son, Wallace, who married Miss Brownson. Wallace has a son, Ira, who is in the banking business in Montreal, also one daughter, Grace, at home. Wallace owns a farm near Corbyville, Ont.

Mary Ann Simmons married John Cannon and lives in Chatham, Ont. They have two daughters and one son.

THE SQUIRE FAMILY

Melissa Denyes, daughter of Peter Denyes, was born in 1820 in Thurlow Tp., Hastings Co., Ont. She married John S. Squire in 1838. The Squire family came from Salem, New York State, about a century ago and settled in Huntington Tp., County of Hastings, Ont., at a place now called Moira, which is sixteen miles north of Belleville. They were among the pioneers of that district, which was at that time a dense forest. The early settlers of Huntington had many disadvantages with only a blazed trail, with unsafe bridges, with logs and brush to cover the miry places in the roads. Oxen were the chief means of transportation.

The Methodist Missionary was early in the community and established a society of faithful and devoted members who laid foundations deep and broad that have been lasting. About seventy-five years ago a stone church was erected, which has been remodelled since. This was one of the first Methodist churches built in the Belleville district, and there is still a flourishing and devoted congregation at Moira.

John S. Squire remained for a few years after his marriage in Huntington Tp. and later moved to Perth Co. In 1866 they moved to Missouri. Melissa Denyes Squire died in 1914 at the age of

ninety-four; her husband preceded her several years. Her descendants would not be less than one hundred and seventy-five in number.

This pioneer couple raised ten children, all of whom settled in the United States. Their sterling qualities, and Christian influence left their impress on the generations that followed.

THE FISHER FAMILY

Rowena, eldest daughter of Melissa Denyes Squire, was born in 1841 in Huntington Tp., Hastings Co., Ont., and married Samuel Fisher. They had six children. Thomas married Louisa Hillier. They have six children and ten grandchildren; address Grafton, N. Dak. Sara married Roderick McLean; they have five children and four grandchildren; address Greenway, Manitoba. Phoebe married William Field; address De Lacs, N. Dak. They have three children and two grand children. Samuel Fisher, Jr., married Lena Gangsie, address Carlyle, Montana. They have four children and six grandchildren. John Fisher married Margaret Balfour, address Funkley, Min. Mathew Fisher married Belinda Nelson, address Funkley, Min. They have four children and ten grandchildren. Mathew died in 1912, Thomas in 1925.

Peter T. Squire, eldest son of Melissa Denyes Squire, was born 1842 in Huntington Tp., Hastings Co., Ont. He married Mary Jane Morris, who was born in 1850. They were married in 1873. He died in 1927. They had seven children.

Tena Melissa Squire was born 1875 and married Leon Esley Welch. They had three children, Lola Mae, born 1901, Loyd Wiley, born 1904, and Fern L., born 1916.

Harry E. Squire, born 1877, married Lillie Galloway. They had two children, Lorene, born 1908, Harris G., born 1912.

Richard Austin Squire, born 1878, married Lura May Welch. They have five children, Nellia Elizabeth, born 1901, Eunice Ailsie, born 1907, Ray Charles, born 1910, Callie Mildred, born 1912, Richard Glenn, born 1915.

Callie B. Squire, address Kiowa, Kansas, born 1881, married Moses M. Turner. They had one child, Harris William, born 1901, now deceased.

Charles Edgar Squire, born 1884, married Mabel McManaman. They had four children, Helen Esther born 1915, Clara Louise born 1917, Ray Edgar born 1919, Frances Lee born 1921.

George Thomas Squire, born 1887, was a veteran of the Great War.

Myrtle Mabel Squire, born 1890, married Milo R. Harper. They had four children. Everet Leroy born 1909, Jesse Eugene born 1911, Lois Genevieve born 1915, Pauline Pearl born 1918.

William Miller Squire, son of Melissa Denyes Squire, was born in 1845 in Huntington Tp., Hastings Co., Ont. He was a young boy when his parents moved from Huntington to Port Perry and later to Perth Co., Ont.

The Squire family soon after migrated to Missouri, and later William M. married Julia A. Sharp of Missouri in 1872. They had twelve children.

Eliza Squire, born 1874, married Wesley Latham in 1896. They have nine children. Roy, who served eighteen months in the World War, is married and has two children. Edward Latham is married and lives in Washington, Kansas. Floe Latham married John Rowley. They have two sons. Their address is Greenleaf, Kan. Freda Latham married Lloyd Foster of Haddom, Kan. Orpha Latham married William Shoupe. He is a carpenter with the Burlington R.R. Co. Ocie Latham (Teacher), Frank Latham at home, Myrtle and John (students).

John W. Squire (deceased) married for his first wife Maggie Boean. They had two children, only one of whom is living. Morgden married and lives in Colorado Springs, Col. John W. Squire married for his second wife Myrtle Cox. They had one son. The family address is Fountain, Colorado.

Emma Squire (now deceased) married William Lelye of Kansas City. They have six children.

George Albert Squire married and lives in Roseville, Ill. Alice Squire died in 1910; she never married.

Maude Squire married Lee Craney and settled in Washington. They now reside at 2508 Charles St., St. Joe, Missouri.

Florence Squire, born 1886, married Dr. John Lucas. They had four daughters. Their address is Brookfield, Mo.

Millie Squire married Charles Schnider. They have two children. They reside at Excelsior Springs, Mo.

Alexander Squires, born 1882, settled in Peoria, Ill., and later went west.

Cleo Squire lives in California; we have no record of his family.

Pearl Squire, born 1891, now deceased, married Clarence Gates. They have two daughters. The family lives in Colorado Springs, Col.

William Miller Squire had a large and interesting family. He died in 1893; his wife died in 1929 at the age of seventy-four years and was buried at St. Joe, Mo.

THE WARD AND WARREN FAMILIES

Phebe Jane, daughter of Melissa Denyes Squire, born in 1848 in Huntington Tp., Hastings Co., Ont., married John Ward in 1866. They had six children.

Minnie May Ward, born 1867 in Perth Co., Ont., married Samuel Stahley who was born in Indiana in 1858. Their address is 2401 Kesling St., Bellingham, Wash. They have two children, Mae Fern, born 1892, Glasco, Kan., was married in 1915 to James Miller Goheen, Bellington, Wash. Their children are Mae Ward, James Ward and Hazen Ward. Harold W. Stahley, born 1896, married Edna Ingrid Wahl, who was born in Mansas, Norway, in 1902. They have one child, Glee Adair, born 1924.

William Miller Ward, born 1869.

Ida Almeda Ward, born 1872, married James Bottoff. They had two children. Leta Alice, born 1897, married ....; had five children, Venita, Deloris, Reva J., Verla May and Betta L. and Bernard Bottoff born 1908.

Hazen Glen Ward, born 1874, married Myrtle May Beach, Glasco, Kan., in 1901. They have four children, Charles M., born 1905, married Thelma Frances Reed in 1928; Beulah Almeda Ward, born 1907; George William, born 1911; and Marjorie Alice, born 1913.

Ruby L. Ward, born 1876, married Walter Butler. They have two children, Ward and Clair.

Cameron M. Ward, born 1878, married Anna Vale. They had five children, Robert, Dumner, Geneva, Donald and Troy.

Mrs. Phebe Jane Squire Ward married for her second husband Mr. S. Warren, in 1885. They had three children, Guardia Rowena, born 1887, who married Joseph L. Irvin of Arkansas. They had two children, Virgil born 1910, Lincoln, Nebraska; Ray Irvin born 1919, Hazan, Cal. (now deceased).

Clarence E. Warren was born 1889 and married Ruby Ellen Johnston, in 1912. They have nine children, Donald born 1914, C. E. Warren born 1916, Samuel, Leonard, Harding, Vera, Bethel,

John Lee, Mark Irtis. Family address is Attica, Kan.

Troy Irtis Warren was born in Attica, 1891.

D. H. Squire, son of Melissa Denyes Squire, was born in 1850 in Hastings Co., Ont. He married Florence Croswell of Columbus, Ohio. He graduated M.D. at the Ohio State university in 1879. He practised medicine for many years in Ashville, Ohio. He and his son are engaged in the mercantile business also. He remembers well when his parents lived in Logan Tp., Perth Co., Ont., in the fifties, where wolves and bears were seen frequently in the bush.

The Squire family moved to Missouri in the early Sixties, where so many settled after the American Civil War. He resides in Ashville, Ohio. His winter home is in Florida. He had three children. Clarence, born 1879, is a graduate of Ohio State university in Pharmacy. He has one son. Myra Squire Snyder was born in 1900. She has two children.

Chester W. Squire was born in 1891. He was a veteran of the Great War. He paid the supreme sacrifice, a few days before the Armistice was signed, at the age of twenty-eight years. He belonged to an Ohio Regiment.

A grandson of Dr. D. H. Squire graduated B.A. from Ohio State university in 1929, and won a scholarship from the same university, which entitles him to a two-years' post- graduate course in the University of Paris, France.

This young man has brought honor to the father and grandfather who are both graduates of Ohio State university.

John Albert Squire, son of Melissa Denyes Squire, was born in 1855. He married Libbie Dolling of Wisconsin, in 1878; his address is 3161 Carling Ave., Linwood, Cal. They have eight children, Mattie Melissa, born at Joppa, Kan., in 1879, married Mr. Campbell, address Bucklin, Kan. Laura Olive, born 1880 at Joppa, married Mr. Baird, address Bucklin, Kan. Albert Hamlet, born 1883. Florence Ethel, born 1887, married Mr. Givins, address Bucklin, Kan. Ora E. Squire, M. D., born 1890, married Frances A. Morrison, of Osage City, Kansas, in 1917. They have two children, Beverly J. and Robert Kendall. Ruth, born 1892, married Herbert Spore. They have one child, Blanche. Ada A., born 1895, married Chester Trout; they have one child, Phillip. The Trout family's address is Spring St., Compton, Cal., and William whose address is Bucklin, Kan.

THE SHANNON FAMILY

Eliza Miranda, daughter of Melissa Denyes Squire, was born in 1853 in Perth Co., Ont., and married George Shannon in 1871. They had seven children. Ida, born in 1873, married Mr. Porter, Columbus, Ohio; Dwight Ira Shannon, born in 1876, (now deceased). George and Elric died in 1881 and 1882 respectively. Marion, William and Delbert were younger members of the family. Marion married Mr. Rice, of Rocky River, Ohio.

THE DOLLING FAMILY.

Mary-Ann, daughter of Melissa Denyes Squire, was born in 1858 in Perth Co., Ont. She married Thomas Henry Dolling, of Harper Co., Kan., in 1880. They had seven children—Archie died in infancy; Lester Guy, born 1882; Jessie L., born 1884; Clarence, born 1887, died in 1904; Josie Menettie, born 1887, married John Stamp in 1907. They had seven children, Ida, born 1907; May A., born 1909; William C., born 1911; Viola Irene, born 1912; John Henry, born 1914; Beulah, born 1917, and June Pershing, born 1919.

Mrs. Stamp married for her second husband W. C. Raymond, of Iowa. They had one child, Edna C.

Zelma Orlando Dolling, born 1898, married D. B. Whitten. They had one child, Glenwood. She was married the second time to Ira Stroup. They had two children, Myra D. and Iris Maxine.

Jessie Lee Dolling, born in Attica, Kan., in 1884, married Joseph L. Wheeler. They had eleven children. Arthur, a minister, married May Dean. They have two children, Ethel and Aaron. Clarence married Effie Rogers. They had one child, Arthur. Lena Dell, Ray A., Ethel, Willma, Hazel, Helene, Jessie, Joseph, and Paul Lee, who died in infancy. Several members of the Wheeler family are zealous church workers. Their address is Richards, Col.

Fern Ethel Dolling Williams' address is R.F.D. No. 6, Wichita Falls, Texas.

THE MONSON FAMILY

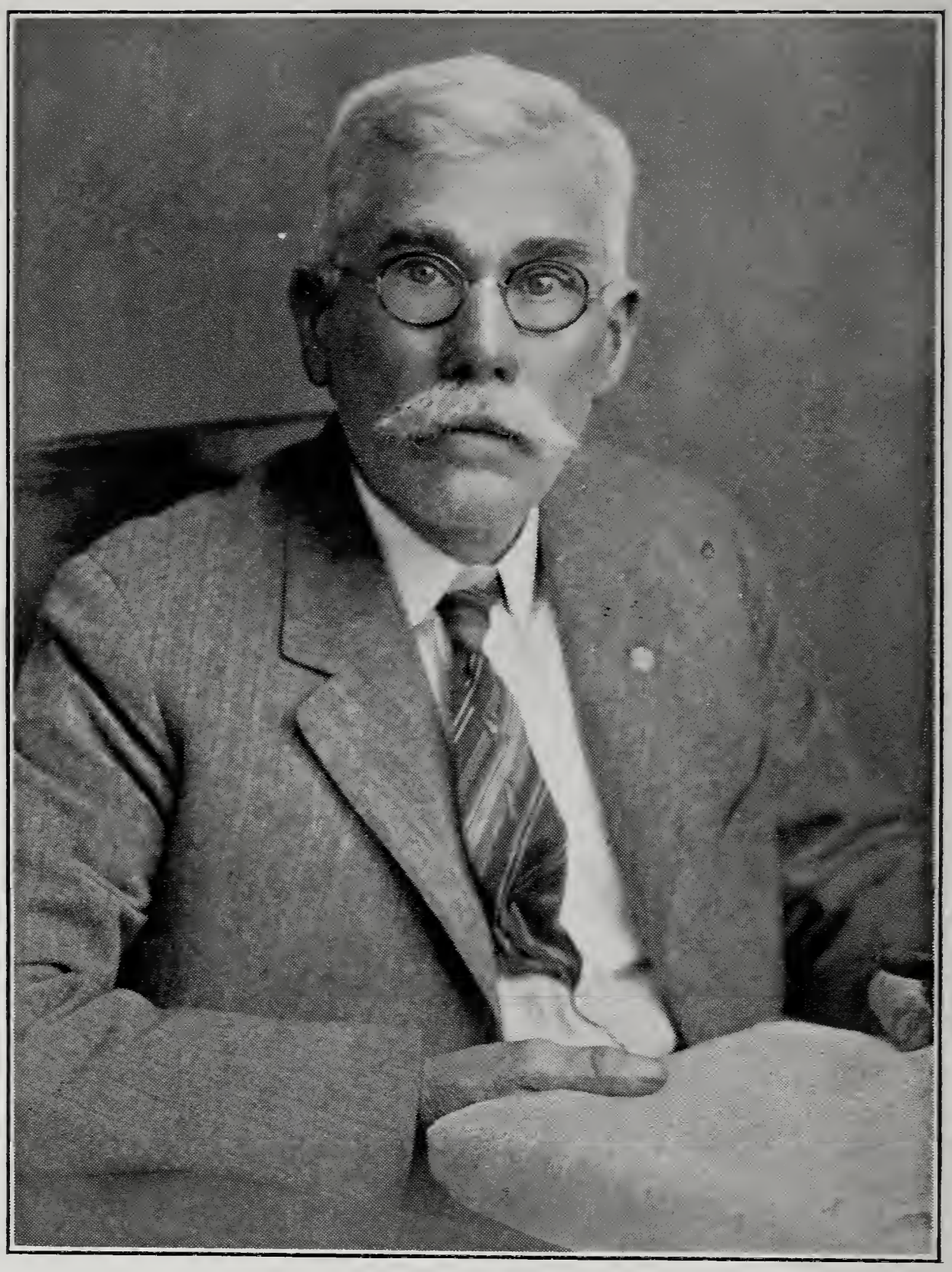
Martha M., daughter of Melissa Denyes Squire, was born in 1861 in Perth Co., Ont. She married Samuel Manson, of Mo., in 1877; he died in 1894; his wife died in 1895. They had eight children. Hugh Monson, born 1862, settled in Columbus, Ohio. They had three children, one daughter Marjorie, married Kenyon Strong, Lakewood, Ore. Minnie Monson, born 1883, married Albert Eber-

heart, Glasco, Kan. They have a daughter, Ruth, who married Charles Robbins. They have two children. Muriel Monson, born 1891, married Mr. Calahan. They have one daughter and reside in Los Angeles. Cleston Monson was born 1881; Everet Monson, born 1886; Millie Monson, born 1899, married Clyde Foster Jones, of Cleveland, Ohio. They have four children, Edith M., born 1916; Foster M., born 1917; Catherine May, born 1918; George L., born 1921. Everet and Jolly Monson were soldiers in the World War. Ernest Monson was born 1879. Hugh Monson's address is Lakewood, Ohio, 2072 Warren Rd.

THE SUTTON FAMILY

Sara M. Squire, daughter of Melissa Denyes Squire, born in Perth Co., Ont., 1864, married John Wesley Sutton, of Jonesville, Indiana, in 1890. The family resides at Glasco, Kan. They have six children. Charles H., born 1891, married Olive E. Mann. They have one daughter, Rosemary, and reside in Kansas City. Cora Pearl, born 1893, married John R. Penrod, of Arkansas, in 1908; address Glasco, Kan. They have three children, James E., born 1911; Clyde H., born 1913; Irene Olive, born 1916. William Henry Sutton born 1896, address Glasco, Kan.; Ruby A.,

MRS. NETTIE SUTTON
Glasco, Kansas.
Daughter of Melissa Denyes Squire; Granddaughter of Peter Denyes.



D. H. SQUIRE, M.D.
Ashville, Ohio.
Grandson of Peter Denyes.

born in 1898, married Charles Otis, Allan, Kan., and have one son, Robert S. Mary Melissa, born 1902, married Harry Porter and they have one child, Leroy. John Wesley Sutton, Jr., born in 1907, married Helen Monira Fields, of Denver, Col. Their address is 1625 Pearl St., Denver, Col.

Mrs. Sara M. Sutton, usually called Nettie, has written several poems which are very interesting and helpful, and as one has said, so recently, in looking over her book of poems, "She is certainly a gifted writer."

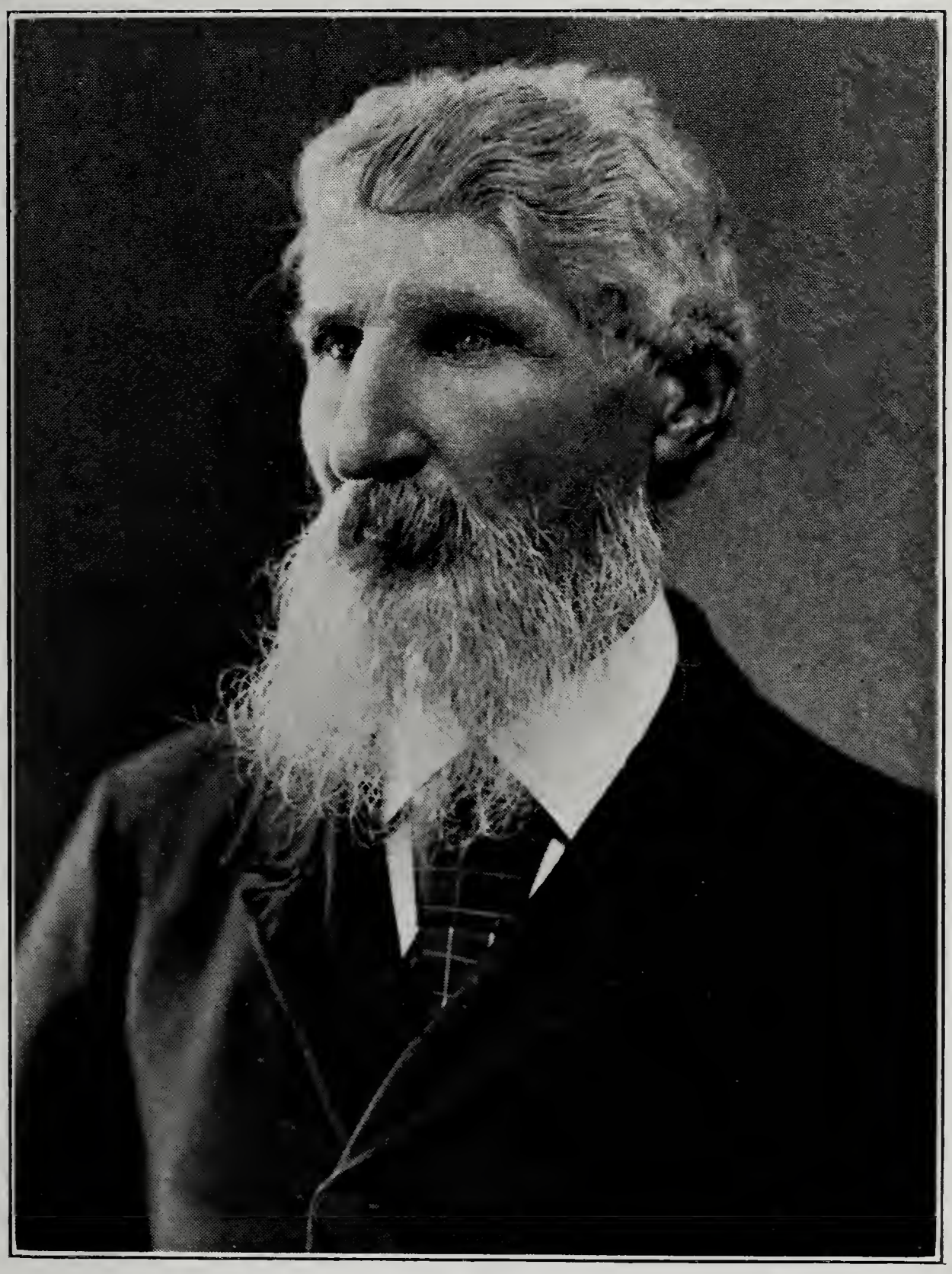
Nelson Denyes, eldest son of Peter Denyes, was born in 1822 in Thurlow Tp., and married Miss Sine, of Sidney. They had one daughter, Charlotte, who married G. L. Scott, of Stirling, Ont., and they had one daughter, Jennie, (deceased). Mr. and Mrs. Scott are both (deceased).

Nelson married for his second wife the widow of Jacob Phillips; they had five children, Wilmot, Hugh Wilson, Mateland, Fraser and Theressa.

Wilmot Denyes (deceased) was engaged in the confectionery business for several years. Bertrim Denyes, son of Wilmot, is living in Detroit and has a son, Calvin. Alexander Nelson Denyes, son of Wilmot, lives in Detroit and is an accountant in a Broker's office; he has three children, Margaret, Gordon Stewart and Robert Nelson. Hugh Franklin Denyes, son of Wilmot, is a business man in Toronto; he has two children, Marie Blaylock and Frances Louise.

Hugh Wilson Denyes, son of Nelson, kept a hardware store for several years in Marmora, Ont.; later he moved to Fort William and is engaged in the mercantile business; he has two sons, Byron and Frank.

Mateland Denyes was the youngest son of Nelson; he spent several years in business in the town of Listowel, Ont., and died there. Nelson Den-



PIONEER NELSON DENYES

Eldest son of Peter.

yes' two daughters never married, now (deceased).

Mrs. Mary Denyes, widow of the late Wilmot Denyes, resides with her son, Hugh Franklin, 68 Orchard Park Blvd., Toronto, Ont.

THE REDDEN FAMILY

Jane Ann, daughter of Peter Denyes, born 1824, married J. Redden, of Hastings Co., Ont. They left the Belleville district over seventy-five years ago and went West. Mrs. Redden was a widow living in Dakota in 1889. They had four children, if we are correctly informed. The eldest daughter (name not given) married Mr. Pottle, of Dakota. The other two daughters' names were Eva and Clara.

Peter Redden was a sheep rancher in Idaho many years ago. The Redden children, if living, would be over eighty years of age.

We have been unable to get a complete history of this family, but have certain information stating, that one of the Redden daughters married a Mr. Pillsbury, a big mill owner in Minneapolis. We have no record of Peter Redden's descendants.

THE RIGGS FAMILY

Sophrona Denyes, daughter of Peter Denyes, was born in 1829 in Thurlow Tp., Hastings Co., Ont. She married Albert Bidwell Riggs, who was born 1824 in the Bay of Quinte district, Ont. The Riggs family moved to Listowel, Perth Co., Ont., and engaged in the mercantile business with his brother-in-law, Lawrence Denyes. Some years after they moved to Michigan, near Cheboygan. Mr. Riggs died in 1888 at Riggsville, Cheboygan Co., his wife in 1899 at the same place. They had three children.

Walter M. D. Riggs, born in 1850 in Madoc Tp., Hastings Co., Ont., was married in 1874 to Elizabeth Davenport, who was born in Liverpool, England. He now resides in Bellingham, Wash.

Mary Eliza Riggs, born 1853 in Ontario, died in Michigan.

Melissa Riggs, born 1860 in Ontario, died in Michigan.

Lawrence Stover Denyes, son of Peter Denyes, was born in Thurlow Tp., Hastings Co., Ont., in 1830. He married Mary-Ann Riggs, daughter of Martin Riggs, Madoc, Ont. He afterwards moved to Listowel, Ont. After the American Civil

War he moved to Brookfield, Missouri. In 1871 his wife died and was buried at Brookfield. In 1886 he moved to British Columbia and on account of failing health he later moved south and settled in Santa Clara, Cal. He was married three times. His last wife was Phoebe Johnston, of Hastings Co., Ont. He had eight children. He died in 1890 at Santa Clara, after an active life.

Martha Jane Denyes was born at Listowel, Ont., in 1860. She married John J. Jones, who was born in Utica, N.Y., in 1856. They were married at Brookfield in 1884. They resided at 111 South 12th St., Colorado Springs, Col.

Mary Alice Denyes, born 1862, at Listowel, Ont., married Frank Ellsworth Black, of Laclead, Missouri, in 1883. They had eight children. Emma and Lawrence died in infancy. Georgie L. Black, born 1887 at Atchison, Kansas, married David G. Kendall. They have one daughter, Iva D., born 1909 in Arizona; Frank, Ettie and Mary were triplets born 1891. Mary (deceased). Joseph Black, born 1895 at Alpine, Texas, married Myrtle Davis, Santa Barbara. Helen Beulah Black was born 1896 at Valentine, Tex. Mrs. Georgie B. Kendall, Frank, Ettie, and Helen Black live at 3924 Wisconsin St., Los Angeles, Cal.

Minnie Denyes, born at Brookfield in 1867, married William Harrison Sauner, of Cooperstown, Pa. They have no children and reside at Colorado Springs.

Emma Phoeba Denyes born 1865 in Missouri, married Kenneth Sutclife Sweet in 1887. He is a farmer at Armstrong, B.C. They have three children. Stanley K., born 1892, married Cathrine May Parker. They have two children, Janet Emma and Russel Parker. Reginald L. Sweet, born 1895, married Catherine Thomson, and they have one son, John Douglas. Alice Virginia Sweet married Fred Marvin Downer, Vernon, B.C. They have three children, Marion F., Edith M., and Charles M.

John Russel Denyes, son of Lawrence Stover Denyes, was born at Brookfield, Missouri, Jan. 24th, 1869. In 1886 he went to British Columbia where he spent two years on a ranch. In 1888 he attended Normal School at Lynden, Washington; in 1889 he attended the University at San Jose, Cal. In 1891 he entered the North Western University at Evanston, Ill., graduating B.A. in his classical course in 1895. In 1897 he graduated in a theological college of the Methodist Church, S. T. B., and the same year he married Mary Jane Owens, of Evanston, Ill.

REV. PROF. JOHN RUSSEL DENYES, D.D.

Traveler, Lecturer, Explorer.

Pioneer Missionary to the East India Islands.

Son of Lawrence Stover Denyes; Grandson of Peter Denyes.

In 1897, he was sent by the church of his choice to Singapore to take up educational and evangelistic work. In the years 1903-4 he was home on furlough and spent much of his time while there lecturing for the Board of Foreign Missions.

In 1905, he founded missionary work in the island of Java, East Indies. From 1907 to 1912 he was Superintendent of Methodist Missions in the Dutch East Indies. He was appointed by the Chinese Chamber of Commerce in Java to Che-a-to, to study educational work. In 1912, he came to America to attend the General Conference of the M. E. Church North, which was held in Minneapolis. From 1913 to 1917, Director of Education for Methodist Missions in Malaysia; 1919-20, Lecturer on Missions, Drew Theological Seminary, Madison, New Jersey.

He was honored by the degree of Doctor of Divinity in 1912. At present he is a member of the American Oriental Society, member of the National Geographical Society, member of the Society for Biblical Research, and lecturer on International problems; 1923-1928, lecturer on Religion and Missions at Lawrence College, Appleton, Wis., and delegate to General Conference of the M. E. Church North for 1928, which met at Kansas City. J. R. Denyes has had a very active and successful career. He has done much pioneer work in South-

ern Asia and the East Indies in mission work, where he and his capable wife spent the best of their lives.

He is looked upon as an authority on Educational and Missionary problems in the Far East. They have four children.

Mary Elizabeth Denyes, born at Singapore, 1899, is teacher of French in Lawrence College, Wis.

Lawrence Owens Denyes was born at Singapore, 1901. After he graduated from College he was given the position of Secretary of the Central Y. M.C.A., Chicago. This is a very responsible and honorable position. He married Miss Catherine Wells, of St. Paul, Min.

Ruth Denyes, born at Singapore, 1902, after graduating from the University, married John Burton St. John, of Montclair, New Jersey. He is an Actuary in the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., New York City.

Russel Owens Denyes, born at Batavia, Island of Java, 1908, is a student at the University.

Dr. J. R. Denyes was the first missionary sent to the East Indies by the M. E. Church North, and was supported by the Young People's Societies of Pittsburg Conference.

PIONEER LAWRENCE STOVER DENYES

Son of Peter Denyes.

Annie, youngest daughter of Lawrence Stover Denyes, born in 1873 at Brookfield, Mo., married Ira McLaren, Eburne, B.C., in 1890. They have four children. John Russell, born 1891 at Eburne, married Vera Grant, of Victoria, B.C., in 1911. They have one son, Jack, born 1912. James Everet, born 1893, married Catherine Thorburn, who was born in Johannesburg, S. Africa, in 1899. No children; address, Lee Bldg., Vancouver, B.C. Rena Viola married William N. Strong; their address is 632 Pine St., Long Beach, Cal. They have one child, Lillian Vera. Robert Denyes McLaren, born 1905, lives in Vancouver, B.C.

Alberta and William Wallace, children of Lawrence Stover Denyes, died in infancy.

THE ALCOMBRACK FAMILY

Alvena Denyes, daughter of Peter Denyes, was born 1832 and married Samuel Alcombrack, farmer, Huntington Township. They had seven children. She died in 1900.

Louisa married Anson Beckwith, blacksmith, who carried on business for several years at Holloway, and died at that place. They had three children; one son, Clayton, lives in Texas. Maude married Mr. Bell and their children are Thelma, Audrey and Susie. Bertha married Mr. Rowe and their children are Hilton, Sherwood, Claire, Clen and Jean. Hilton Rowe is married and has a son. Mrs. Beckwith married for her second husband Mr. Fairman, of Belleville. She died in 1927 at the age of seventy-eight years.

Frances Alcombrack, born 1854, married John Brown, who operated a grist mill at Holloway. After Mr. Brown's death she married Gilbert Frederick, farmer, Sidney Tp. They are now retired and are living in Belleville.

George Alcombrack lost his life by a drowning accident in the Moira river in 1888. He had one child, Beatrice.

James Alcombrack, born 1860, married Miss Brown and lives in St. Catherines, Ont.

Gilbert Alcombrack, born 1865, married Miss Allen, of Madoc Tp. They have three children, Mabel, Margaret and Stewart, and two grandchildren. Gilbert resides in Toronto.

Victoria Alcombrack, born 1869, married John Archibald. They have four children, Myrtle, Percy, William and Helen who married Harry Twiddy. Mr. and Mrs. Twiddy have two children, Betty and Clare. John Archibald's address is Cannifton, Ont.

Minnie Alcombrack, born 1874, resides with her sister, Mrs. Archibald, Cannifton.

THE SINE FAMILY

Margaret Denyes, sixth daughter of Peter Denyes, born 1834, married Darius Sine, farmer, Sidney Tp. She died at the great age of ninety-four in the village of Foxboro.

She had a very active life, and superior business ability. After raising a large family and suffering the loss of her husband in the prime of life, she launched out on a business venture with Miss Brock, of Belleville, in the manufacture of corsets, which developed into a very prosperous business. She was the traveling saleswoman; she had a keen

intellect in her eighties. Mr. and Mrs. Sine had seven children.

Franklin P., born 1856, married Mary Moon, of Sidney Tp. He was engaged in the mercantile business for some years and is now retired in the village of Foxboro, Ont. No children.

Thomas Wesley died when but a child.

Emma married Wm. Moon (deceased). They had two children, Everet Roy, Winnipeg, and Annie, who married Albert Dafoe.

Miranda, third daughter, married Arthur Chown, of Belleville, Ont.; they had two sons, Blake, who holds a position in a railway office in Chicago. He has two sons. Herbert Chown, son of Arthur Chown, holds a position with the Dominion Steel Co., Hamilton, Ont.; he is married and has two children.

George Wesley, son of Darius Sine (deceased) and Albert C. also (deceased).

Morley Sine, youngest son of Darius Sine, married Miss Mayson; they have one daughter, Vera, who is married and lives in Vancouver.

Albert Denyes, born 1844, married Hannah Glover, of Thurlow Tp. He lived for several years on the homestead and later sold his farm and

bought a fine farm near Trenton, Ont. He again sold out and moved to Belleville, where he engaged in the farm machinery business, and soon after moved to California where he engaged in fruit growing. His wife died and he again married. He had two children, Annie, who married Mr. McCorkle, of Saginaw, Mich., and a son who was killed in an auto accident. Albert died several years ago and was buried in California.

Miranda Denyes, born 1846, married William Phillips, of Belleville. He died a few years after marriage. Later she married William Greene, Veterinary Surgeon, in Michigan; both deceased.

Harriet Denyes, born 1848, married Murney Alcombrack, farmer, Huntington Tp.; both deceased.

Byron Denyes, born 1850 in Thurlow Tp., married Jennie Steele, of Sidney. They had one son, John, who graduated from the Ontario Business College, Belleville, and soon after went to New York City where he was employed in a railway office. He died in New York at the age of twenty-seven, leaving a young widow and two children to mourn his loss. He died about 1900. Byron married for his second wife Mrs. Knox, of Sidney. He engaged in farming for several years and later moved to Belleville, where he was in the employ of the Massey Harris Co. His second wife is deceased and his address is Port Hope, Ont.

Emma Denyes, youngest daughter of Peter Denyes, born 1854, married J. H. Patterson, a business man in Toronto, now deceased. They had three children, Agnes Eliza, Hugh D. Patterson, inspector of taxation, Toronto, and John Ross Patterson, Sec.-Treas. of the Empire Life Insurance Co., Toronto. Emma Denyes Patterson died June, 1929.

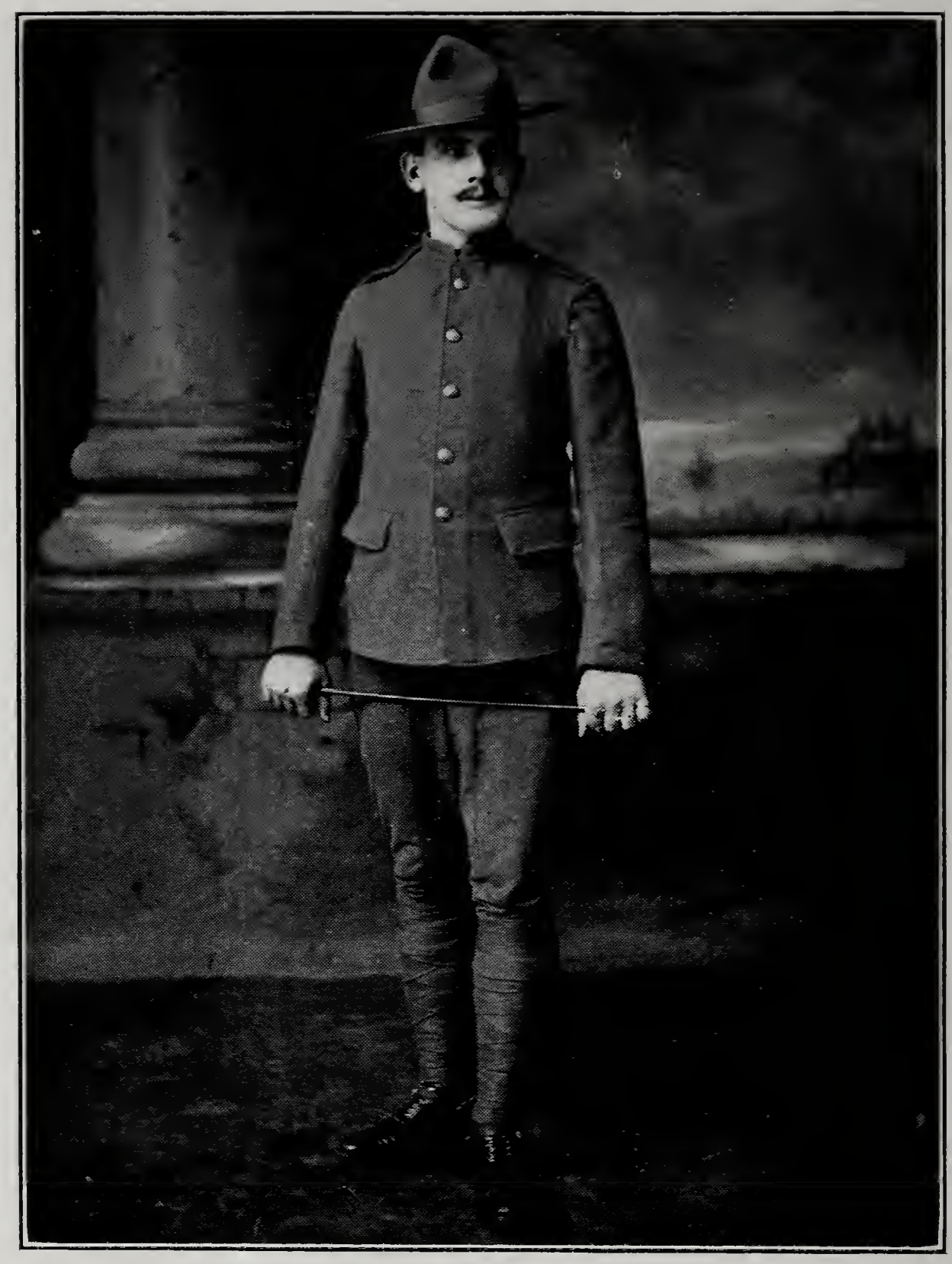
Millard Fillmore Denyes was born 1856 in Thurlow Tp. He went to Michigan over fifty years ago and settled in Cairo, Mich. He filled honorable and responsible positions in that town. He died in Detroit in 1919, leaving to mourn his loss two sons, James Albert, born 1883; Harry Roy, born 1887. They are both business men and have families. Both are living in Detroit.

Maitland Denyes, youngest son of Peter Denyes, was born 1858 in Thurlow Tp., Hastings Co., Ont. He engaged in business for several years in Belleville. He went to Michigan over forty years ago and settled in Saginaw. He has been engaged in the insurance business for many years. He has now retired after many years of faithful service for the company that he represented. He is married and has two children, Harry Albert, who is the manager of a local motor works, Saginaw, and Hazel, who married Guy Garven, Saginaw.

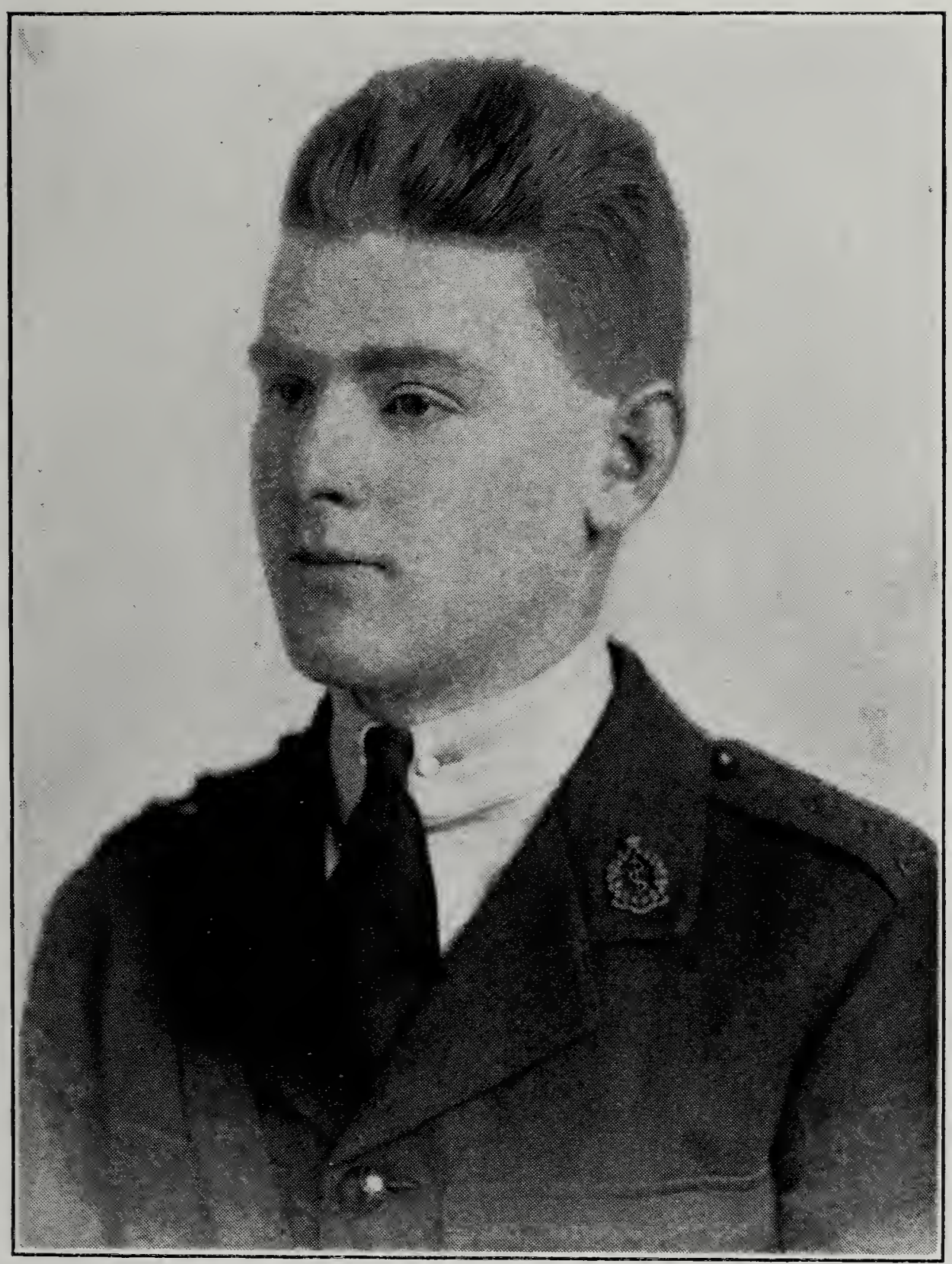
CHESTER W. SQUIRE
U.S. Army.
Paid the supreme sacrifice in the Great War, 1918.
Great-grandson of Peter Denyes; Son of Dr. D. H. Squire, Ohio.

MEACHAM DENYES
164th Batt., C.E.F.
Paid the supreme sacrifice in the World War, 1916.
Son of J. M. Denyes, Milton, Ont.; Great-grandson of Martin Denyes.

LINDSAY DENYES, C.E.F.
Killed in action, 1916.
Mounted Infantry, Toronto.
Son of John W. Denyes; Great-grandson of Pioneer John.



HARRY DENYES
Toronto, Ont.
Veteran of South African War, 1900.
Grandson of Simon Denyes; Son of John W. Denyes.

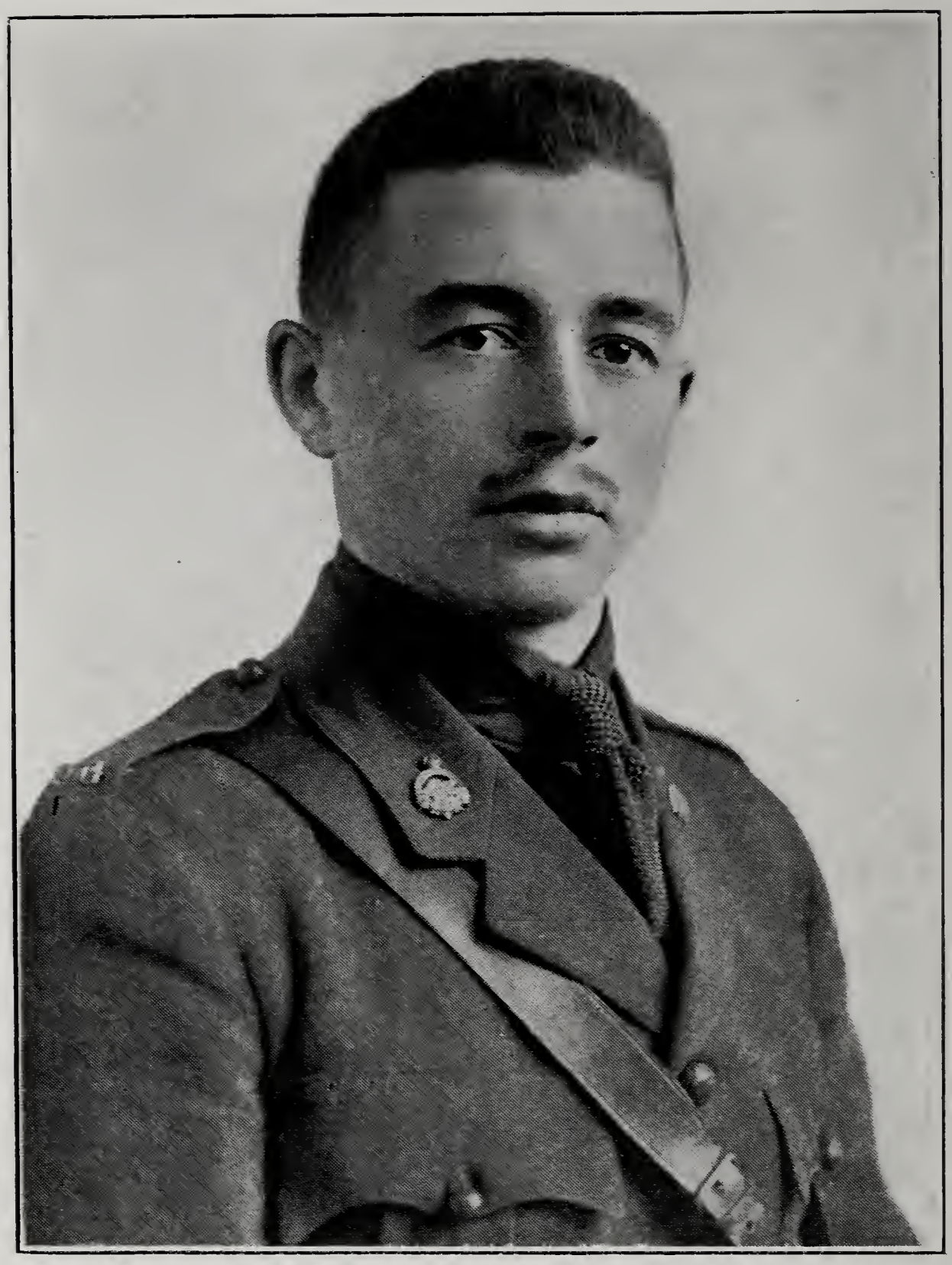


CAPT. JERALD DENYES, M.D., C.E.F.

Son of Sidney Denyes; Grandson of Martin Denyes.

CAPT. FLOYD McKIM GARRISON
First Canadian Contingent.
Great grandson of Jchn Denyes.

CAPT. SIDNEY D. WAGAR, C.E.F.
Great-grandson of John Denyes.



LIEUT. ERLE STUART DENYES, C.E.F.
Canadian Heavy Siege Artillery.
Son of H. K. Denyes and Grandson of Nathan Denyes.

OUR SOLDIERS

Somewhere in France he sleepeth,
God knoweth he rests not in vain,
For liberty's birth to all the earth
Came through blood of our soldiers s'ain.

We longed for and hoped his returning
Would cheer us and fill us with joy;
God knoweth our hearts, we're yearning
To clasp in our arms our boy.

The dawn of liberty's morning
Came to us at our hero's fall;
They sealed with their blood our freedom,
For us they gave their all.

God knoweth where each one is sleeping,
Awaiting the judgment day,
The sickle of death in its reaping
Carried our loved one away.

Then be still sad heart, cease yearning,
They died our homeland to save,
And at our brave soldier's returning
Clasp his hand and smile and be brave.

—*Nettie Squire Sutton.*
Glasco, Kan.

JACOB DENYES BRANCH

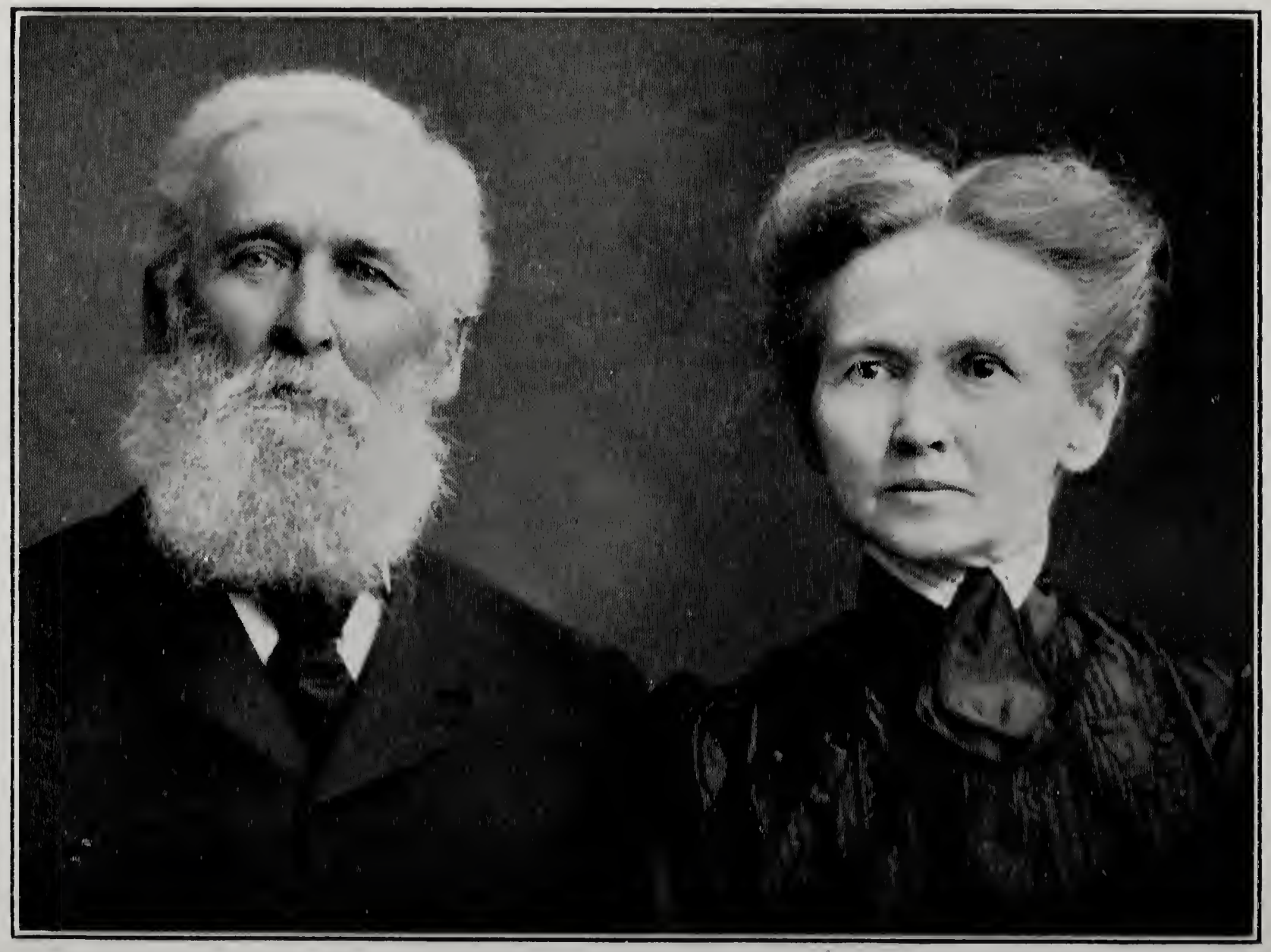
Jacob Denyes, youngest son of Martin Denyes, born 1801 in Fredericksburg, married Sara Lake and settled in Thurlow Tp., Hastings Co., in 1824. They, too, knew something of hardships that came to all pioneers. These were the days when the chief income was from the sale of potash made from the ashes of the burnt timber in clearing the land.

Jacob had twelve children; ten grew to manhood and womanhood; two died in infancy. He was the soul of honor, and he and his wife (Aunt Sally, as so many called her), were pillars in the church in the early days of Methodism; their home was always open to welcome the pioneer preachers. He ranked high as a community builder and left an example of true citizenship. He died in 1863 and his wife several years later; their remains were laid at rest in the Jones cemetery in the eighth concession of Thurlow.

THE MERRIT FAMILY

Maria, eldest daughter of Jacob Denyes, was born in 1827. She married Ammon Merrit, a farmer in Sidney Tp. They lived to a good age. They had two children, Charles and Blanche, who settled in Michigan many years ago. They both have families.

PIONEER JACOB DENYES AND WIFE



PIONEER JOHN WESLEY DENYES AND WIFE
Jacob Branch.

THE BARAGAR FAMILY

Phoebe Denyes, daughter of Jacob, was born 1830 in Thurlow Tp. She married Baltis Baragar, farmer, Sidney Tp. They had one son, Ethelbert, who was drowned in the Boy of Quinte while bathing. He had been teaching school for four years in Sidney Tp. and was soon to enter as a student Toronto University. This brought great grief to the mother, whose husband had passed away a few years before. Some years after she was married to Wade Britton, a retired farmer in Guelph, Ont. She died at a good old age.

John Wesley, eldest son of Jacob Denyes, born 1832 in Thurlow Tp., married Martha Riggs, daughter of Martin Riggs, of Madoc, Ont. They lived all their married life on a portion of the old homestead. When they started in life it was difficult because of the many disadvantages that they experienced. They were the old-time farming implements that were in use in those days. One of the first Methodist camp meetings held in the district, over sixty years ago, was held in Wesley Denyes' Grove. Scores were added to the church as a result of this camp meeting. Martha Riggs Denyes was looked upon as a model among women, for her gentle disposition, her piety, and

intelligence. John Wesley Denyes died in 1905, his wife a few years earlier. They are buried in the Jones cemetery. They had two sons and one daughter.

Jay Denyes, son of John Wesley, was born 1861. When a young man he spent some years in Listowel, Ont., with his uncle, who was in the mercantile business, and later returned home to the farm. He married Minnie Casey, of Thurlow Tp. He was an office-bearer in the Methodist Church, having been Sunday School superintendent of Bethel Sunday School. He died in middle life after a short illness. His widow now resides in Belleville. They had two sons.

Percy Denyes married Nellie Yonker. He is an electrician and was connected with the Seymour Power Co. for several years and now keeps an electrical supply store in Campbellford, Ont. They have one child, Barbara Elizabeth.

Otho Denyes, youngest son of Jay, married Jaramy Maybee. He is in business in Belelville. They have one son, Douglas.

May Denyes, only daughter of John Wesley, born 1865, married James Dickens, farmer in Huntington. She died several years ago, leaving to mourn her loss a worthy husband and one daughter, Bessie, now student in Stirling High School. They reside in Stirling, Ont.

Clayton Denyes, youngest son of John Wesley, was born in 1868. He married Miss Reid. He lived for several years on the old homestead of father and grandfather. He later sold his farm and moved to another farm near Foxboro where he died soon after. He had one son, Goldwin. His widow resides on the farm at Foxboro, Ont.

THE VERMILYEA FAMILY

Elizabeth, daughter of Jacob Denyes, was born 1833. She married A. W. Vermilyea, farmer, Sidney Tp. Later in life he engaged in the wholesale and retail boot and shoe business in Belleville.

He was a successful lay preacher and evangelist for over fifty years. He spent much of his time in holding special meetings in the old Bay of Quinte Conference as well as much supply work on Sundays. He was greatly sought after to assist and carry on many of the old-time Methodist revival meetings. He had wonderful success as he was a gifted singer as well as preacher. His wife died in middle life. He married for his second wife the widow of the late Rev. William Miller. They are both deceased. He had four children by his first marriage. Frances died when she was eighteen years of age, after a short illness, in 1876.

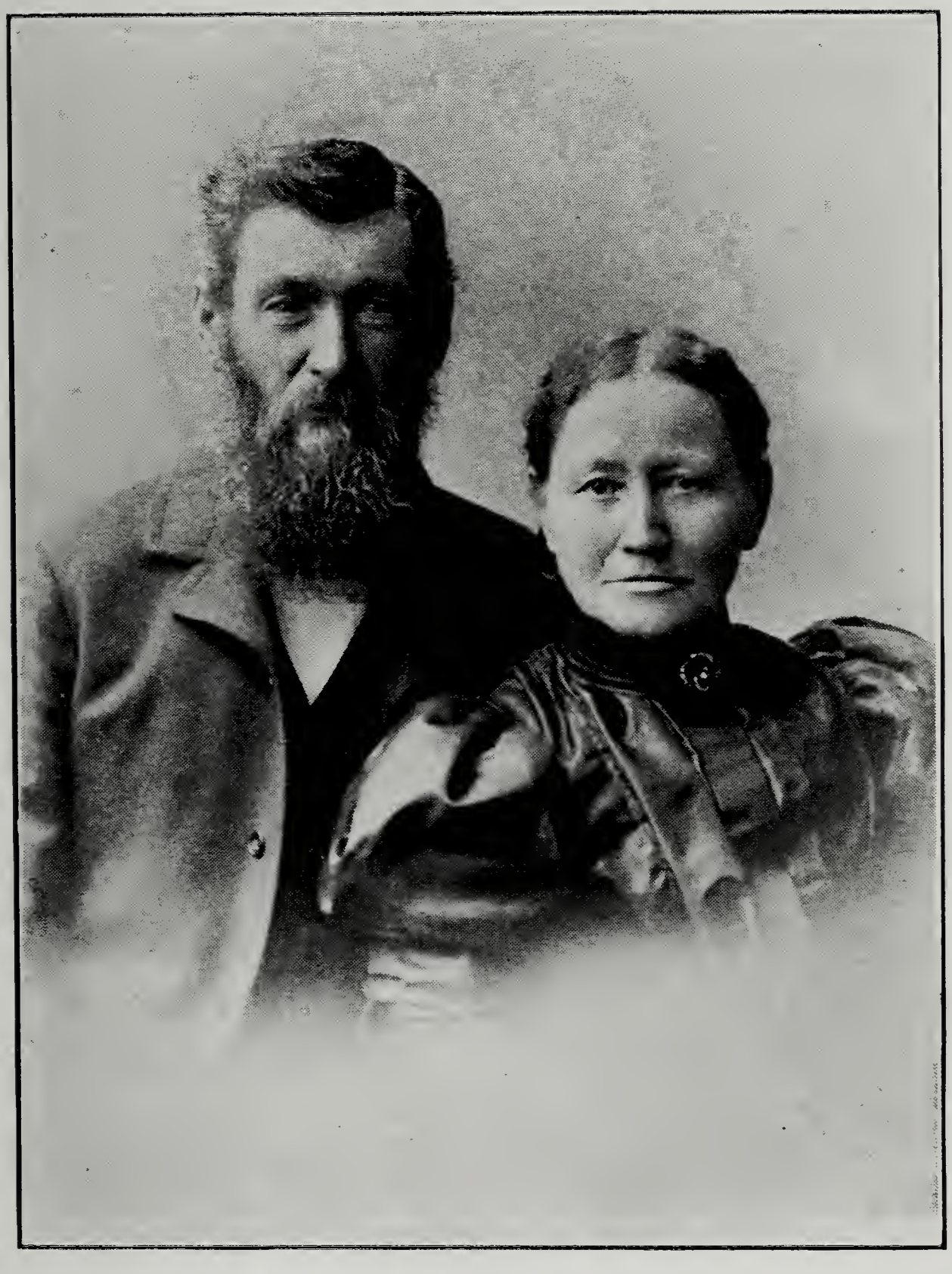
Clement H. keeps a clothing store in Belleville. He has two daughters, Mabel, who married Col. Allen, a Great War veteran—he is a coal merchant in Belleville; Marjorie married P. K. Ketcheson, a business man in Toronto; they have one child.

Sidney W. Vermilyea (now deceased) married Bertha Grills. He was engaged in the boot and shoe business in Belleville. They had three children. Helen married W. Nesbit, Brighton, Ont. They have two children. Thelma married G. L. Crooks, of Galt, Ont. Major Edgar Vermilyea is a veteran of the Great War.

Albert Wilman, youngest son of A. W. Vermilyea, died when he was eighteen years of age.

Martin, second son of Jacob Denyes, was born in 1836 in Thurlow Tp. He married Melissa Pake, Brighton, Ont. They lived the most of their married life on a farm near Foxboro, Ont. They well knew the disadvantages of their earlier life, he being an older son of a pioneer; but through it all they were true to their religious convictions and were always found faithful to the church of their choice and what it stood for. They had a very active life and raised a large family and built a fine house on the farm they first settled on. They had six children.

Sarah Elizabeth, born 1866, married Norman Terry, of Wooler, Ont. They moved to Duluth.



MARTIN DENYES AND WIFE
Second Son of Pioneer Jacob.

He was a member of the police force in that city for many years. He is now deceased; his wife still lives in that place. They had two children, Gladys (Teacher), Ethel (deceased).

James P. Denyes, born 1867, married Miss Loucks, of Thurlow Tp., in 1889. He engaged in farming for some time in Rawdon Tp., and later moved to Duluth, where he was engaged in mercantile business. He and his wife both died in 1928. They were buried in the Foxboro cemetery, Ont. He had one son, Ralph, who lives in Duluth, and he has three children.

Antoinette Denyes, born 1870, married Charles Strong, who came from Virginia, U.S., to Foxboro. He was a stone-cutter by trade and worked in the quarry at Foxboro, Ont., for a few years and later moved to Minneapolis. He is now deceased. His widow and daughter, Catherine Virginia, still live there. Delphine Denyes, daughter of Martin, born 1872, died 1917.

Rosetta Denyes, born 1873, married George Wicket, of Foxboro, Ont. Bernice Denyes died in infancy.

Robert Denyes, son of Jacob, was born 1838, and married Miss Lacey, a Baptist minister's daughter of Stirling, Ont. He operated a farm for several years in Thurlow Tp. He afterwards

moved to New York State and settled near Sackett's Harbor. He died several years ago; his wife died in 1928. They had five children.

Anna Maude, born in 1869, married Newton Herbert Conley in 1888. He is a business man in Toronto. They have one daughter, Vera Mae, born 1892.

Lottie L., born 1875, married DeAlton Dealing in 1895. They have three sons. Howard J., who married Ruth Harris and they have a daughter, Dorcas. Gordon Arthur Dealing married Margaret Austin; they have a son, Ronald. Charles Alton Dealing was born in 1907.

William Lacey Denyes, son of Robert, was born in 1878 and married Mabel M. Jones in 1903. They have two children, Marjorie Ellen, born in 1904, and Judson Lacey, born 1906.

Minnie Pearl, born 1883, married Ivon T. Anthony in 1923.

Cyril Earl Denyes, son of Robert, was born in 1883. He married Ella M. Tysie in 1906. They have one daughter, Marion Woodrow, born 1915.

Three of these families live in New York State, Lottie, William and Earl.

THE STOCK FAMILY

Julia Ann Denyes, daughter of Jacob, was born 1840. She married William Stock, a carriage painter who worked at his trade in Stirling, Foxboro and Belleville. He died many years ago. His wife lived to the age of eighty-four. They had four children.

Caroline married Phillip Harrison, of Belleville. He was in the employ of the Intelligencer Printing Co. for forty years. His wife died at the age of sixty-four.

Fred. S. Stock is married and lives in Hamilton, Ont., and has four children. He is a street car conductor.

W. R. Stock is a manufacturer in Toronto. He has one daughter, married and lives in Toronto.

Helen Stock married Dr. William Snearer, Cleveland, Ohio.

Delphin Denyes, daughter of Jacob, was born in 1841. She married William Benninger, of Belleville. He was in the employ of the Dominion Express Co. for many years, and died at a good old age, his wife preceding him a few years. They had one child, now deceased.

Hannah, the youngest child of Jacob Denyes, was born 1843 in Thurlow Tp. She married William Bundy, of Pickering, Ont. He was a tinsmith by trade. She died in middle life, leaving three sons who are settled in that district, Jay, Egbert and Gurney.

Phillip Denyes, son of Jacob Denyes, was born 1842. He lived for several years on the old homestead in Thurlow Tp. He sold his farm to his brother, Wesley, and bought a fine farm on the Trent road. He is eighty-seven years of age and still very active. He now lives with his son, Fred, west of Belleville a short distance.

He married for his first wife Miss Reed, of Foxboro, Ont. They had one child, Ethel, who married Joseph Thrasher, and resides on North Front St., Belleville. He is in the employ of the Canadian National Railway. Phillip Denyes married for his second wife Miss Jones, of Sidney Tp. They had two children; Annie married John Boyd, farmer, Sidney Tp., and they have three sons, Arthur, Lorne and Harry. Fred Denyes, son of Phillip, married Miss Finkle. They have four children, Hazel, Ruby, George and Walter. Ruby married Gladstone Waite, Sidney Tp. Hazel married Fred Taylor, Tyendinaga Tp.

RESIDENCE OF H. K. DENYES

The old homestead of Pioneer John Denyes, Thurlow, Hastings Co., Ont.

The Denyes descendants, like many of the other large families who were U. E. Loyalists in the second and third generations, migrated to the United States when the great Middle West with its fine prairie lands was sought after, as there was little known at that time of the Canadian West.

As we prepare this record, we believe that there are as many of the family connection in the United States as in Canada. It seems impossible for us to find any of the Denyes name farther back than Martin Denyes, who was born in New York. We do find the name Denys mentioned at different times among the early settlers of the French in America, where there was a feudal war between two French factions. Nicholas Denys figured in Acadia, now Nova Scotia, in 1650, and others by the same name have been known later. Professor Denys was a native of Quebec, and was a teacher at the Institute for the Deaf in Belleville, Ont., many years ago. If we were able to trace these back they would probably belong to the same family.

Strange to say that the same thing exists in regard to the Ketcheson family, where no trace of any of the name can be found in England, where Col. William Ketcheson came from. Several mar-

riages have taken place between these two families.

We are printing a few photos of the men who have conquered the pathless forest and subdued the earth, which was a Divine command; also a few of the great grandsons who volunteered to go and subdue enemies who violated solemn treaties with weaker nations, who brought death and destruction and plunged nearly the whole world into debt and disaster. Noble heroes were these.

There was written some years ago a book of something of the genealogy of many families who settled early in the Bay of Quinte district in the vicinity of Belleville. The Jacob Denyes family was given a place, but there were two other families of the same name residing in the district, who were not mentioned, but who were older and much larger. John, Peter and Jacob were sons of the first arrival, namely Martin Denyes, who came here about 1783.

Although these Denyes families settled in the north part of Thurlow Tp., we are not entirely forgetful of others who were among the beginners in this district, who shared the joys and privations of pioneering with them. Perhaps we might be permitted to mention some of these families, namely, Empey, Sills, Dafoe, McKim, Young, Bell, and others.

We believe there will be omissions and other errors in this little volume, but if we by this record become better acquainted with our relatives and are bound together in a closer relationship, with a better knowledge of our forbears, beginning with Martin Denyes about 1750, and ending in this year 1929, we will feel well repaid.

We greatly appreciate the help that some of the members of the Squire families in Kansas and Ohio, also Mrs. Wheeler, of Colorado, have given in furnishing data. The able assistance rendered by Mrs. Georgie B. Kendall, of Los Angeles, in supplying addresses and records in the South, has been almost indispensable.

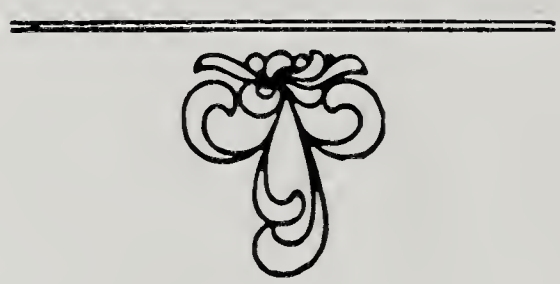
We have divided the family tree into three branches, the three sons of Martin—John, Peter and Jacob. These three sons had forty children and a number of them were real pioneers in the Bay of Quinte district and elsewhere.

As we think of so many of these noble men and women with their sterling qualities, strong physique, and noble Christian character, as the writer well knew, we, who are their children and grandchildren, bow our heads in grateful remembrance of their sacrifices.

They built roads, schools and churches throughout the wild woods, and laid foundations deep and firm.

As we proceed to trace their descendants, we find their sons and daughters in nearly every walk of life. A majority of them are engaged in agriculture, which is probably the most essential calling of all. There are many university and college graduates who are filling high positions—ministers and missionaries, professors and teachers, doctors and nurses, architects and mechanics, councillors and soldiers, soldiers of many wars on both land and sea.

Surely Martin Denyes and his wife, Ruth Owens, with their descendants, have made a contribution to many communities both in Canada and the United States!



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